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## Will proposal for more ships float?

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The seventh littoral combat ship, the USS Detroit, was christened and launched into the Menominee River in Marinette, Wis., in October.

Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

## Startup joins others in tackling military spouse unemployment

By KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Beth Conlin found her dream job with General Electric Intelligent Platforms. The firm had her at "you can work anywhere."

Conlin is married to a soldier, which means frequent deployments that usually scare away employers. So she was thrilled when GEIP said the job could go with her when she and her husband moved from Rhode Island to Germany.

But Conlin had to quit anyway because of a clause in the status of forces agree-

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Beth Conlin

ment with Germany that prohibited her from keeping her business-development position. She was devastated.

"When you take that away from a spouse, when you take away their career identity,

their ability to support their family and to support their servicemember really decreases," Conlin said. "Like for me personally, I lost my identity."

Her problem was solved when she sent

her resume to ServingTalent, an employment agency for military and government spouses. Conlin was hired as director of recruitment.

### Overqualified and underpaid

Military spouses have long struggled to find work because of frequent deployments, lack of child care, erratic schedules for servicemembers and complicated licensing laws. Those posted overseas also face language barriers, local sensitivities, work visa requirements and SOFA limitations.

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OF THE DAY

**"You know how it is in New York; everyone asks you where you live. And we found ourselves just recoiling."**

— Brian Dumont, who has lived in his Trump Place apartment for four years. Donald Trump's name is being stripped off three luxury apartment buildings after hundreds of tenants signed a petition saying they were embarrassed to live in a place associated with him  
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# MILITARY

## Spouse: Job recruiter knows firsthand what her clients face

FROM FRONT PAGE

The most recent survey of active-duty spouses in 2015 found that their unemployment rate was 23 percent. That was a slight improvement from 2010, but still sharply higher than the civilian rate of 4.4 percent for women older than 20.

Those who get jobs often find themselves overqualified and underpaid.

Estimates vary widely, but a 2013 study found that 90 percent of wives of active-duty service members said they had more education and experience than their jobs required.

The report by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University and the Military Officers Association of America also concluded that military spouses earned 38 percent less on average than their civilian counterparts.

Advocates say the issue threatens to undermine family unity and may prevent soldiers from extending their service. It also has a steep cost to society, which one recent study estimated to be between \$710 million and \$1.07 billion per year in lost tax revenues and other costs.

Increased awareness about the problem, which often is linked to veteran unemployment issues, has led to a number of programs and websites with job listings, career counseling, resume assistance and interview coaching. "We're finding folks that want to work and need to work, so providing a military spouse with a job at the end of the day is helping to retain the best and brightest of our servicemembers," said Elizabeth O'Brien, director of the military spouse program at Hiring Our Heroes, a U.S. Chamber of Commerce initiative.

### Finding solutions

Companies also are increasingly recognizing that military spouses are motivated, educated and bring unique skills to the table, advocates say, and technology has created more opportunities to work remotely.

ServingTalent, which began operations in September 2015, and other organizations are taking advantage of that.

The startup was founded by two women who met while stationed with their husbands at the U.S. Embassy in Chile — Maggie



KIM GAMEL/Stars and Stripes

**Beth Conlin is among the many military spouses who have struggled to find work because of frequent deployments, lack of child care, erratic schedules for servicemembers and complicated licensing laws.**

Varona, a Navy wife and certified public accountant, and Marcelle Yeager, a foreign service spouse with a master's degree in business administration.

Conlin, 35, works from her new post in Seoul, South Korea, where she moved with her husband, an infantry major, in February after nearly three years in Germany.

She said 30 percent of the nearly 700 candidates who have signed up so far hold master's degrees while others are nurses, accountants, lawyers and more. The company has signed up more than 25 employers ranging from large corporations and veteran-owned businesses to smaller companies, including a virtual CPA firm.

"This variety of education and work experience allows us to tap into a broad range of employers," she said. "The more spouses that we can employ, the more families they're supporting. That's good business for everybody."

ServingTalent functions like a traditional employment agency with a special talent pool. It acts as an intermediary with the

companies, finding permanent jobs and contract positions for candidates.

So far, the company hasn't run into problems with SOFA restrictions such as the one Conlin faced in Germany. But it is able to overcome most issues with the increased flexibility.

"We don't hide the fact that you're military or foreign service," Conlin said. "We actually tout that because our candidates are so ridiculously qualified."

One surprising obstacle has been misconceptions about military life. Some potential employers worried that spouses live in bunkers and aren't permitted to use the internet.

"But, normally, they just think we move a lot," Conlin said.

There are several other initiatives as advocates try to replicate the successes of a push to hire veterans. The average unemployment rate for veterans who joined the military after the 9/11 attacks was 5.8 percent last year, a significant drop from a peak of 12 percent in 2011.

For one thing, those married to active-duty troops get preference for jobs that are available on base.

The Defense Department's Military Spouse Employment Partnership also has connections with more than 300 companies and organizations.

In 2011, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce launched Hiring Our Heroes, which is aimed at helping veterans, transitioning servicemembers and military spouses find meaningful employment.

It also recently acquired In Gear Career, a nonprofit that offers professional development and networking chapters at a number of military installations around the world.

"The intent is to build a network between installations so when these spouses move they're already plugged into a job market and a network," O'Brien said. "They are getting a warm hand-off and getting absorbed into a new community."

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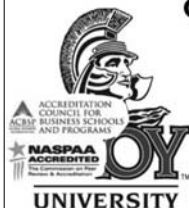
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Sailors man the rails of the amphibious assault ship USS *Two Inia* while transiting the Hudson River near New York City on Nov. 10. The Obama administration has responded to a petition opposing changes to the Navy's ratings system, saying it supports the overhaul.

## White House backs changes in ratings

By TYLER HLAVAC  
Stars and Stripes

The White House is defending the abolition of Navy ratings, saying it will make sailors more flexible and improve their chances of success in post-military careers.

"Organizational changes that require a cultural shift can cause friction during transition periods, but (President Barack Obama) has confidence in the decisions made by U.S. Navy leaders and agrees that the benefits in future years will outweigh growing pains in the next several months," a White House statement said Wednesday.

The administration was responding to a petition with more than 100,000 signatures opposing changes — announced in September — that over the next few years will replace traditional Navy ratings such as boatswain's mate and gunner's mate with military occupational specialties used by

other services.

"This administration believes that providing widely recognized credentials will improve service members' chances of success in the private sector," the statement said. "Modernizing this system provides many benefits within the Navy, such as increased flexibility in training and assignments."

The changes come after Navy Secretary Ray Mabus ordered the review of Navy titles in January as part of a plan to open all positions to women.

Enlisted sailors will in the future be addressed only by rank, in the same manner that other members of other services are recognized.

For example, lower-ranked sailors will be called seamen, mid-grade enlisted sailors will be addressed as petty officers and the highest-ranking enlisted sailors will be known as chiefs.

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## BBC growth includes N. Korea

Stars and Stripes

The BBC World Service will launch a daily radio program aimed at North Korea as part of its biggest expansion since the 1940s.

The Korea service will be transmitted in short wave in a bid to evade the communist regime's government censors, the Financial Times reported.

It's one of 11 new language services announced Wednesday by the British Broadcasting Corp. as part of an expansion financed by a \$360 million funding boost from the British government.

The BBC also plans to expand online and social media content.

"Through war, revolution and global change, people around the world have relied on the World

Service for independent, trusted, impartial news," World Service director Fran Unsworth said. "As an independent broadcaster, we remain as relevant as ever in the 21st century, when in many places there is not more free expression, but less."

The plan is likely to anger the North Korean regime. Tensions on the divided peninsula have spiked this year over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

Several foreign broadcasters already target the country, including South Korea's Korean Broadcasting System, the Voice of America and Radio Free Asia.

The other new languages will be Afaan Oromo, Amharic, Gujarati, Igbo, Marathi, Pidgin, Punjabi, Telugu, Tigrinya and Yoruba.

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# Ex-Navy captain latest to plead guilty in bribery case

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A retired Navy captain who also served as the U.S. naval attaché in the Philippines pleaded guilty to corruption in federal court Tuesday, admitting that he secretly worked as an agent for an Asian defense contractor in exchange for gifts, travel and prostitutes.

Michael George Brooks, 57, of Fairfax Station, Va., pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in San Diego to a charge of conspiracy to commit bribery. He faces a sentence of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

In his plea agreement, Brooks acknowledged that he and his family members accepted fine wines, hotel rooms, electronics, luxury watches and prostitutes on dozens of occasions from Leonard Glenn Francis, a Singapore-based contractor known as "Fat Leonard" in Navy circles. Francis' firm, Glenn Defense Marine Asia, held con-

tracts worth hundreds of millions of dollars to resupply and refuel U.S. Navy ships at ports throughout Asia.

Francis pleaded guilty to bribery charges last year in the case, which has erupted into the worst corruption case in the history of the U.S. Navy. Seventeen people have been charged with crimes in federal court, including an admiral and eight other officers. Another defendant has been charged in Singapore. About two thirds of those facing charges have pleaded guilty.

Brooks served as the U.S. naval attaché in Manila from 2006 to 2008. According to court documents, he acted secretly on behalf of Francis and Glenn Defense by feeding them confidential Navy correspondence and contracting documents. He illicitly secured diplomatic clearance for Glenn Defense so the firm could bring cargo and personnel into the Philippines without being subject to

inspections and customs duties.

In 2007, Brooks also allowed Glenn Defense to ghostwrite its own official Navy performance evaluation in a bid to win more business, according to his plea agreement.

Brooks' attorney, Nicole Sprinzen of Washington, did not immediately return a phone call or email seeking comment.

According to court papers, Francis exploited the Navy captain's strong sexual appetite by supplying him with prostitutes on demand. Brooks used code words when sending emails to Francis or other Glenn Defense executives, referring to prostitutes as "shakes," "chocolate shakes" and "mocha shakes" or indicating his desire for "high tea."

Brooks retired from the Navy in November 2011. Until recently, he had been employed as a contractor for the Pentagon's Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

## Land-swap deal reached for THAAD site in South Korea

By KIM GAMEL AND YOO KYONG CHANG  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's Defense Ministry reached a tentative land-swap deal Wednesday with a major conglomerate to acquire the planned site for an advanced U.S. missile defense system aimed at countering the growing threat from North Korea.

The agreement brings Washington and Seoul a step closer to their goal of deploying the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, known as THAAD, next year.

The Ministry of National Defense said it agreed to give the Lotte Group, one of South Korea's largest family-run conglomerates, state-owned military land near Seoul in exchange for the Lotte Skyhill Country Club in the southeastern Seongju area.

After appraisals of both sites, the board of directors of the golf club's operator, Lotte International, will meet to consider the deal, which will be adjusted if there's a large gap in value, the ministry said in a statement.

An official with the Lotte Skyhill Country Club, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, stressed that the deal was preliminary.

"It means we are going to do the exchange if we get a proper assessment of the value," he said in a telephone interview. "So depending on the appraisal and assessment results, there is still a possibility the exchange won't go through."

The mountainous golf club's value could range from \$45 billion won (\$39 million) to \$85 billion won, while the government land in Gyeonggi province could be worth more than twice that, the Yonhap news agency reported.

The deployment won't require parliamentary approval because it involves a property swap, said Park Jae-min, director-general in charge of the ministry's military installation planning bureau.

"We will make sure that all the construction work will be finished in time to help install a THAAD battery within the next year," he said, according to Yonhap.

Washington and Seoul agreed in July to deploy



BEN LISTERMAN/Missile Defense Agency

A Terminal High Altitude Area Defense interceptor is launched last year from a THAAD battery on Wake Island.

THAAD on the divided peninsula after months of talks sparked by North Korea's fourth nuclear test in January and a long-range rocket launch the next month.

Officials have expressed increasing urgency about the issue since North Korea has gone on to test-fire some two dozen missiles and conduct another underground nuclear test on Sept. 9.

Army Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, said earlier this month that THAAD will be deployed in the next eight to 10 months.

But the deployment faces opposition from China, which fears the powerful radar could be turned on its military.

The plan also has faced local opposition, ranging from protests over health and economic concerns to fears of upsetting powerful trading partner China or becoming a target of a North Korean attack.

The U.S. has some 28,500 servicemembers stationed in South Korea, which remains technically at war with the North after the 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Airman receives Silver Star after intense Afghan fight

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SAN ANTONIO — An Air Force combat controller credited with protecting a 100-man special operations unit with precision airstrikes during an intense Afghanistan firefight received a Silver Star on Wednesday for his actions.

Staff Sgt. Keaton Thiem, 27, an Austin, Texas, native, said during a roundtable with reporters that he was humbled to join a long list of special tactics airmen who have



Thiem

who is assigned to the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington.

Thiem's Silver Star is the 36th awarded to a special tactics airman since 9/11, which accounts for more than half of Silver Star recipients in the Air Force since 2001, according to Capt. Katrina Cheesman, an Air Force spokeswoman. The Silver Star is the

third highest award recognizing battlefield heroism.

Combat controllers are airmen assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command and are responsible for the close coordination of airstrikes while managing aircraft traffic, from fighter jets to gunships to unmanned drones. They are among the most vital ground personnel in Afghanistan after combat troops were scaled back in the 15-year war, supporting Afghan troops with airstrikes and aerial surveillance as the Taliban and Islamic State group re-take swaths of the country.

### Taliban digs in

The midnight mission given to about 100 Army Special Forces and Afghan commandos team: secure Pul-e Khumri, the capital of the northeastern Baghlan province. Taliban forces had infiltrated and cut power to swaths of Kabul, igniting unrest and chaos in the capital 144 miles to the south, Thiem said. The team marched about four hours on Feb. 22, toward the objective, weighed down with heavy equipment in cold and wet conditions.

Flooded fields near their first objective pointed to a high level of preparation among the Taliban, which forced coalition troops to choose from limited approaches into the village.

"We were moving exactly how they wanted us to," Thiem said, adding local Afghan army units could not previously penetrate deep into the area without U.S. air support, leaving the Taliban a year to construct tunnel and trench systems.

The element was met with a barrage of machine gun, rifle and RPG fire near their first objective of a walled compound. Insurgent radio traffic intercepted by friendly forces pointed to a complex ambush. Insurgents fired from behind murder holes — small ports knocked through concrete walls to conceal barrel flashes and smoke.

No previous intelligence reports pointed to their sophisticated preparation, Thiem said. Night-vision goggles allowed enemy fighters to focus accurate fire at coalition troops glowing and blinking underneath infrared strobes atop their helmets used to signal themselves as friendlies to fellow ground troops and aircraft circling above.

"We have to mark ourselves [with infrared strobes] for aircraft, but it backfired on us," Thiem said.

### A 14-hour fight

Two elements were immediately pinned down by machine gun fire, and Thiem did something he would repeat several

times throughout the firefight that would last 14 hours: he exposed himself to enemy fire to coordinate air support.

Thiem removed himself from cover to gather targeting data for a pair of F-16s overhead. It was a dangerous close-fire mission. Two 500-pound bombs destroyed enemy positions about 35 and 80 yards from friendly forces.

Coalition troops regrouped for exfiltration. Taliban soldiers used the opportunity to launch additional attacks, wounding eight personnel. Thiem maneuvered about 100 yards through enemy fire to account for a friendly element before calling in more strikes.

The F-16s screamed overhead on six low flights designed to overpower the senses of fighters with a jet-wash and thunderous engine roars. In the chaos of triaging the wounded, coalition troops realized a nightmare scenario: four Afghan commandos were still missing after a head count.

Thiem, while coordinating precision strikes, orchestrated drone surveillance of the battlefield to locate three of the commandos, who were pinned down and wounded.

He led a recovery team on foot with an AH-64 Apache escorting the movement, calling in runs to rake enemy positions with the Apache's 30-millimeter chain gun as he held one side of a litter filled by a wounded commando.

The recovery team bounded back 200 meters to the rally point, but there was one commando still missing. Thiem and the recovery team launched one last effort under fire as he coordinated two more Apache gun runs, including eight 2.75-inch rocket strikes pounding enemy sniper positions as they reached the fourth missing commando and brought him back to the exfiltration point.

Thiem continued airstrikes while coordinating medevac support. Fourteen hours after first contact, he coordinated 18 close air support engagements, resulting in 33 dead Taliban troops.

Eight coalition troops were wounded. None were killed.

Thiem's award citation notes his aggressive targeting is the reason casualties were not worse.

"Knowing everything is resting on your shoulders, disregard for yourself takes over to get the rest of the guys out of there," Thiem said.

Ahead of the ceremony, Thiem described the Silver Star as an exclamation point for the pride of the team's collective effort.

"The most heartfelt things I've heard are from the Army [Special Forces] guys," Thiem said. "I don't know that I have any words when they say 'you saved my life.'"

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

## US not supporting Turkish offensive in Syria

By COREY DICKSTEIN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON—The U.S.-led anti-Islamic State coalition is not supporting a Turkish-planned offensive to seize a city in northern Syria held by the terrorist group, an American military spokesman said Wednesday.

Syrian rebel fighters backed by Turkish ground and air forces are on the verge of reaching the city limits of Islamic State group-held al-Bab, but the Operation Inherent Resolve coalition has not provided those forces any support because Turkey planned the offensive without coordinating with its allies, said U.S. Air Force Col. John Dorrian, the Baghdad-based spokesman for the coalition.

"We believe that all the operations in Syria against [the Islamic State group] should be coordinated very closely between all the parties that are involved," Dorrian told reporters Wednesday at the Pentagon. "This is something that [Turkey] decided to do independently. What we'd like to do is continue to work with them to develop a plan where everyone remains focused on [the Islamic State group]."

Turkey expects the operation

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U.S. Air Force Col. John Dorrian  
Baghdad-based coalition spokesman

will be over quickly. The country's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said Wednesday his forces had faced some resistance from the militants, but he did not expect the siege "will last long."

The coalition's concerns are based on potential fighting after the Islamic State group is removed.

The presence of Turkey and its rebel forces in an area also eyed by Kurdish forces could lead to battles among groups that have committed to fighting the terrorist organization.

Several Kurdish groups around al-Bab, including elements of the U.S.-backed YPG, have periodically fought with the Turkish-backed forces in northern Syria.

Turkey considers the YPG a terrorist organization and has long rejected its inclusion in the

Syrian Democratic Forces, the main ground force fighting the Islamic State group in Syria. The United States does not consider the YPG a terrorist group and leaned heavily on it in the fight against the Islamic State.

The U.S.-led coalition had provided air support for prior Turkish-led operations focused on eliminating the Islamic State group from areas just across its southern border with Syria, but concerns about sporadic fighting between the NATO ally and U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces have raised tensions in the region.

The United States had also provided some special operators as advisers to Turkey and its Syrian partners in those operations, but they have since been removed

from those groups, Dorrian said.

Negotiations between Turkey, a member of the U.S.-led coalition, and other coalition members are continuing, Dorrian said. He urged all of the partner nations to commit to working together.

Meanwhile, the coalition's air power over Syria is primarily focused on supporting the Syrian Democratic Forces' march toward Raqqa, where it is tasked with encircling and isolating the Islamic State group's capital.

That force has reclaimed more than 200 square miles of land north of Raqqa this month, and its operation has continued "as planned," Dorrian said.

The coalition expects to address Turkey's concerns in continued battle planning for the continued assault on Raqqa, he added. It could be at least several weeks before that offensive begins.

"We're still working out the details for that overall effort," Dorrian said. "It has yet to be determined what role Turkey might have."

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## 6 killed in Kabul blast

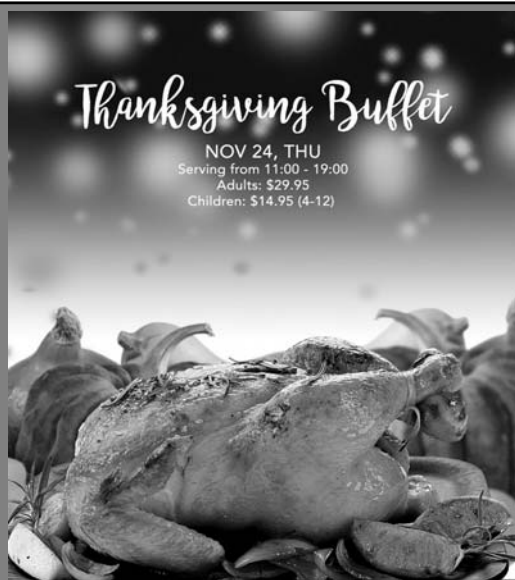
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber on a motorbike killed six people in Kabul on Wednesday in an attack targeting a minibus with security agents working for the government. The Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan promptly claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Sediq Sediqqi, an Interior Ministry spokesman, said four civilians and two members of the agency were killed. The attack also left 13 people wounded, including five members of the security force.

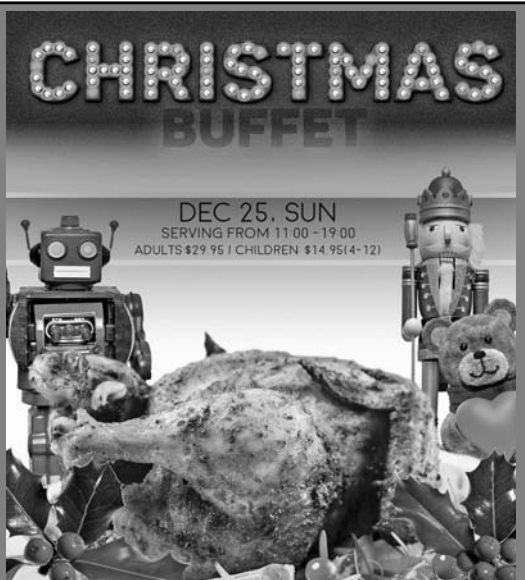
An Afghan security official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said the bomber intentionally targeted the minibus with the members of the agency that provides protection for high-ranking government officials — similar to the U.S. Secret Service.

The attack was the second this year against the agency. In April, a coordinated Taliban assault using a suicide truck bomb and gunmen killed 64 people at the agency's main compound in Kabul.



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## Iraqis accused of abuses against enemy fighters

By MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE  
Los Angeles Times

A human rights monitoring group said Tuesday it had obtained videos and photographs of Iraqi security forces and allies apparently executing, dragging and mutilating the bodies of Islamic State fighters during the ongoing Mosul offensive.

Human Rights Watch said one video shows a man in military uniform with an Iraqi special forces badge on the shoulder calling for a razor, saying he wants the head of a dead fighter. Another shows uniformed fighters encircling a militant as the cameraman calls on him to put his hands up and surrender before they open fire, the group said.

"The Iraqi government should control its own forces and hold them accountable if it hopes to claim the moral upper hand in its fight against [the Islamic State]," Lama Fakih, deputy Middle East director at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement released with a report Tuesday. "The failure to hold combatants and abusers to account does not bode well for the looming battle inside Mosul. Mutilation of corpses is a war crime, as is killing captured combatants or civilians."

Last week, Iraqi troops in Mosul's Zahra neighborhood told the Los Angeles Times that they had dragged the body of a militant, who had also been beheaded. A commander initially said the fighter was beheaded during a gunfight, then added he may have been decapitated when he was dragged, or later by animals.

Iraqi Brig. Gen. Tahsin Ibrahim, spokesman for the Ministry of Defense, said the prime minister's office is investigating reported abuses by troops since the offensive began Oct. 17.

Tahsin urged caution, insisting that some videos of supposed abuses by troops — including a video released online last week showing a youth being shot by uniformed men and run over by a tank — were created by the Islamic State group to damage the army's image and morale.

After Amnesty International called on the government to in-

vestigate reports last week that fighters wearing Iraqi federal police uniforms tortured and killed people suspected of collaborating with the Sunni Muslim extremists in villages south of Mosul, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi rejected the allegations of unlawful killings as "false information," saying civilians were responsible for killing the militants.

"We are sure our troops don't do bad things like that," Tahsin said. "Our forces deal with the terrorists among the civilians. That's why they lose their lives. We struggle to fix this, fighting by the rules of engagement."

Iraqi forces are fighting with a coalition of domestic allies, including Kurdish, Sunni and Shiite militias. Tahsin said officials are investigating whether those involved in alleged abuses may have been among the allies. If so, he said, they will be charged and tried.

Tahsin, who was at the joint Iraqi-U.S. coalition air base south of Mosul in Qayyarah on Tuesday for a briefing, said he had not heard of the incidents in the latest Human Rights Watch report.

U.S. Col. John Dorrman, a spokesman for U.S.-led coalition forces who was also at the air base Tuesday for the briefing, said he was troubled by recent reports of abuses by Iraqi troops.

"You reach a point where there's enough of these going on you say there needs to be some higher-level discussions," he said.

U.S.-led coalition forces advise and train Iraqi counterparts, including on the laws of armed conflict. They also provide intelligence gathering or oversight, Dorrman said.

Iraqi forces retook Qayyarah, about 37 miles south of Mosul, from the Islamic State group on Aug. 25. On Oct. 3, three residents told Human Rights Watch, some militants unsuccessfully tried to retake the city and were captured and killed. Both Iraqi troops and Sunni Hashd Ash'ari militia fighters from the local Maraeeed and Jabouri tribes repelled the attack, residents told Human Rights Watch.

## Children's hospital bombed as Assad renews Aleppo offensive

The Washington Post

BEIRUT — Airstrikes hammered rebel-held zones in Syria's besieged Aleppo on Wednesday, damaging a children's hospital as staff members and patients huddled in a basement, doctors said.

The attacks came a day after Syrian government forces and their Russian allies resumed of-

fensives across northern Syria, including Russian cruise missile strikes from a warship in the Mediterranean. Syrian forces, meanwhile, launched heavy bombardment in rebel-controlled eastern Aleppo in an attempt to break one of the last urban strongholds of the opposition.

Loss of the rebel footholds in Aleppo would be a major blow to



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An Iraqi soldier stands guard at the entrance of the ancient site of Nimrud, which was destroyed by Islamic State militants, some 19 miles southeast of Mosul, Iraq, on Wednesday. Iraqi troops entered Nimrud on Sunday in what was the most significant gain in several days for government forces.

## Iraqi forces push deeper into occupied Mosul neighborhood

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
Associated Press

NIMRUD, Iraq — Heavy fighting broke out Wednesday in Mosul's eastern Tahrir neighborhood, where Iraqi special forces said suicide car bomber from the Islamic State group destroyed an Abrams tank belonging to the Iraqi army.

Backed by U.S.-led airstrikes but under fire from heavy weapons, the troops drove deeper into the neighborhood as families fled their homes. Islamic State-fired mortar rounds killed a child and wounded five others, according to Rudaw TV, which ran footage of their evacuation by Iraqi troops.

Iraqi forces launched a long-awaited operation to retake the country's second-largest city nearly a month ago, but have advanced only into a few eastern districts. They have faced fierce resistance, with snipers, mortar fire and waves of suicide attackers driving armor-plated vehicles packed with explosives.

Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhl said the special forces now control 70 percent of the Tahrir district, where most residents are sheltering indoors. The army is trying to evacuate them as it battles street by street. Mosul is still home to more than 1 million civilians.

"Our forces have killed dozens of Daesh fighters, and we're advancing carefully because of the civilians, who we're evacuating," Fadhl said, using the Arabic acronym for the extremist group.

In the same district, security forces arrested four Islamic State militants, two Iraqis and two Arab foreign fighters and locked them in a Humvee, boat and blindfolded.

To the west of Mosul, a state-sanctioned Shiite militia taking part in the operation to retake the northern city advanced toward Tal Afar, a town to the west that had a Shiite majority before it fell to

the Islamic State group in 2014.

Hezbollah Brigades spokesman Jaafar al-Husseini said fierce clashes were underway outside the Tal Afar military airport, without elaborating.

The Lebanon-based Al-Mayadeen TV broadcast footage showing thick black smoke rising from the airport as armored vehicles and troops were seen deploying nearby. The troops were also seen blowing up a speeding suicide car bomb before its driver managed to detonate his explosives.

Away from the front lines, Iraqi forces on Wednesday assessed the damage to the ancient site of Nimrud, a town some 19 miles southeast of Mosul. Iraqi troops entered Nimrud on Sunday in what was the most significant gain in several days for government forces.

Maj. Gen. Dhiaa al-Saadi said the Islamic State group has almost destroyed the town's ancient Assyrian archaeological site and that he expects to find more damage to heritage sites as the operation continues. The Islamic State group believes ancient ruins encourage polytheism.

"We have information that all of the archaeological sites inside Mosul have already been destroyed," al-Saadi said.

The late 1980s discovery of treasures in Nimrud's royal tombs was one of the 20th century's most significant archaeological finds. The government said the Islamic State group militants, who captured the site in June 2014, destroyed it the following year, using heavy military vehicles.

Iraqi troops are converging from several fronts on Mosul, the last major Islamic State holdout in Iraq. The special forces have been the tip of the spear, driving the farthest into the city. U.S.-led warplanes roar overhead and plumes of smoke rise over the low-slung buildings.

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of the few hospitals still operating in rebel-held parts of Aleppo. East Aleppo's central blood bank, located near the hospital, also was hit in the raids, residents said.

Russia said Tuesday that it had launched a major offensive against rebel-held areas in Idlib and Homs provinces but denied involvement in the new attacks on Aleppo.

# NATION

## Report says more cities make being homeless a crime

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
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Associated Press

HONOLULU — Cities across the country are enacting more bans on living in vehicles, camping in public and panhandling despite federal efforts to discourage such laws amid a shortage of affordable housing, a new report said.

Denver, which ordered about 150 homeless people living on sidewalks to clear out their belongings Tuesday, was among four cities criticized for policies criminalizing homelessness in a report by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, an advocacy group aiming to prevent people from losing their homes.

The other cities listed in its "hall of shame" are in Hawaii, Texas and Washington state.

People in Denver chanted "No handcuffs. Give us homes" as they packed up their belongings when police arrived.

Many cities with increasing home prices have been struggling with homelessness, including Denver and Honolulu, which were reprimanded for an anti-camping law and ban on sitting or lying on sidewalks, respectively.

"These laws are unconstitutional and bad public policy," Maria Foscarinis, the center's executive director, said in a phone call with reporters. "Homelessness remains a national crisis across the country. It's fueled by the growing lack of affordable housing and the shrinking safety net."

The report, which was based on a review of policies enacted by 187 cities over a decade, said bans on living in vehicles increased by 143 percent.

These laws can be particularly devastating because they often lead to vehicle impoundment, and people can lose all of their belongings, disrupting their ability to work or attend school, Foscarinis said.

In Denver, authorities had given notice that homeless people had to move their things. While some packed up and left, others resisted, so the city gave them more time, said Julie Smith, a spokeswoman for the human services department. She said the city wants to help them go to shelters and get other services.

Bennie Henley, an Army veteran who moved to Denver two weeks ago from Kansas to get treatment at the Veterans Administration hospital, said he prefers sleeping on an advertising banner rolled out on the sidewalk rather than in a shelter.

He showed a rash on his arm that he thinks came from bedbugs in a shelter.

"I don't like being crowded up like that," said Henley, sitting on a swivel office chair on the sidewalk and leaning on a cane.

The report said Denver forces thousands of people to dismantle camps despite a waiting list for subsidized housing.

City spokeswoman Amber Miller called the report's findings inaccurate, saying the center relied on local advocacy groups with

incorrect information. She said Denver's priority is helping people find assistance.

Honolulu was criticized for what the report called aggressive enforcement of its sit-lie ban.

The group said the city has issued more than 16,000 warnings to people violating the ban since it was enacted in Waikiki in 2014.

But Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell's spokesman, Jesse Broder Van Dyke, said the report fails to mention that since the sit-lie law took effect in September of 2014, officers have issued 21,630 warnings and made only 27 arrests after a public education and warning period.

He also said that over the last two years Honolulu has helped house more than 1,000 people who were experiencing homelessness, including over 860 veterans.

The report also targeted Dallas and Puyallup, Wash. Dallas was criticized for issuing thousands of citations for sleeping in public, and Puyallup was criticized for making it illegal to camp, panhandle or sit and lie down in parts of the city, despite lacking adequate space in an emergency shelter.

Officials from those two cities didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

## Utah school stabbing injures 5

By BRADY MCCOMBS  
AND LINDSAY WHITEHURST  
Associated Press

OREM, Utah — High school junior Karen Martinez was arriving for her first class when she saw three boys run from a locker room toward the school's central office, one with a head wound and another with a neck injury. One had blood running down the back of his shirt.

Inside the locker room, police say, a 16-year-old straight-A student with no record of disciplinary trouble had attacked his classmates with a knife as they changed into their gym clothes.

"It was awful," said Martinez, her eyes filled with tears. "It was so terrifying. I didn't know any of the kids but still it was like an awful feeling to see all those kids getting hurt."

Police say the suspect, a sophomore in his first year at the high school after being home-schooled,



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**Students Albany Cox, right, and Holly Hilton leave Mountain View High School in Orem, Utah, where several students were stabbed Tuesday.**

also stabbed himself in the neck. He was cornered Tuesday by school workers until a police of-

ficer assigned to Mountain View High School got to the locker room and subdued him with a Taser shot.

Authorities did not identify the suspect by name because of his age.

The five victims are all expected to survive, hospital officials said. The two most seriously injured were in critical but stable condition, according to Utah Valley Hospital.

Orem police posted a letter online they said was from the parents of the teen, apologizing. They said none of the victims had done anything to hurt their son and the stabbings were not racially or ethnically motivated.

"We are at a loss to express how deeply sorry we are for the pain and injury caused," the letter says.

Police said it appears the victims weren't singled out for any reason other than being nearby when the attack started.

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## NATION

# Wildfires burn 80K acres in the South

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Starting campfires, lighting fireworks and smoking cigarettes are among the outdoor activities being banned across the South as fires burn in forests stressed by drought.

Even parking a car off-road is prohibited for fear that a hot tailpipe could ignite dry leaves below.

U.S. Forest Service spokesman Adam Rondeau has said the agency is tracking wildfires that have burned 80,000 acres across the South. That includes a north Georgia fire that's burned an area the size of Manhattan.

The Tennessee Valley Authority issued a burn ban Tuesday on its public lands across Tennessee and in parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia. The authority said its ban applies to anything that might produce an open flame.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, meanwhile, banned outdoor burning outright in more than half of the state's counties through Dec. 15.

Also, two men were arrested Monday on charges related to setting separate fires along roadides in Tennessee. Of the 1,238 wildfires in the state so far this year, officials suspect arson in almost half of them.

In Alabama, Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen said state officers are investigating two of nearly 1,400 statewide wildfires as possible arson. No arrests have been made, but officers have issued misde-



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

**Firefighter Valerie Lopez is followed by Mark Tabaez as they climb down a hill after working to cool hot spots Tuesday in Clayton, Ga. On Tuesday, the Tennessee Valley Authority issued a burn ban on its public lands across seven states.**

meanor citations for allegedly violating the statewide no-burn order.

Smoke from the fires has caused unhealthy breathing conditions in many places.

In South Carolina, the Department of Health and Environmental Control issued a code red alert for 25 counties along and west of Interstate 77 through to Orangeburg County. DHEC said everyone should limit their time outdoors if possible, especially people with respiratory issues.

Smoke has also cast a haze over

the Atlanta skyline in recent days.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal has banned the ignition of all fireworks in much of the state due to the wildfire risk. Fire officials said the largest active wildfire in the South has now burned more than 19,000 acres in the north Georgia mountains.

The fires in North Carolina now cover in excess of 40,000 acres. Federal and state forestry officials said Tuesday that cloudy conditions allowed firefighters to make progress on containment.

# Motorist fatally shoots man who was beating deputy along Fla. road

By SAMANTHA SCHMIDT  
The Washington Post

When the man saw a patrol car parked on the exit ramp of a Florida interstate, he witnessed a scene too troubling to ignore: a sheriff deputy being slammed to the ground and beaten by a man in plain clothes.

The passer-by, who the Lee County Sheriff's Office is now calling a "Good Samaritan," rushed to the two men, telling the attacker he would shoot him if he refused to stop beating the deputy.

The attacker, later identified as Edward Strother, 53, continued to pin down the deputy and attack him, and the deputy struggled to keep his weapon away from him. When the attacker failed to comply with his warning, the passer-by shot him three times, killing him, The News-Press reported.

The deputy, a 12-year-veteran named Dean Bardes, was treated for his injuries and later released from the hospital.

Mike Scott, the Lee County sheriff, commended and thanked the man "who engaged the crazed assailant and stopped the imminent threat of great bodily harm or death to our deputy," NBC-2 reported. He did not identify the man, however.

The attacker's brother later criticized the sheriff's positive response to his brother's death and questioned the details of the fight.

"They are calling him a Good Samaritan?" Strother's brother, Louis Strother, said to the News-Press. "Was my brother armed?"

The scene had begun to unravel about 9:30 a.m. Monday, when a driver began to recklessly swerve and drive along the left shoulder at what seemed to be at least 100 miles per hour, a witness told The News-Press. Bardes was responding to an unrelated crash involving the Florida Highway Patrol when Strother almost struck him

with his car.

Sensing the near-crash was intentional, Bardes chased the vehicle southbound until the driver stopped and exited his car at an off-ramp, approaching Bardes' patrol car.

Kimberly Jenkinson, a Florida woman driving by at the time, told WINK News she saw the man violently throw the officer to the ground.

"He just started punching him and hitting and hitting and hitting," she said. "I was afraid for the police officer."

**'I was afraid for the police officer. I thought he was going to kill him.'**

Kimberly Jenkinson  
Florida driver

cer. I thought he was going to kill him."

Later, she posted a status on Facebook that read: "I just watched a police officer get taken down. What is this world coming to?"

An emergency crew performed CPR on Strother at the scene.

Strother has a previous, active misdemeanor arrest warrant for failure to appear on a battery charge in Florida, according to NBC-2.

The man who shot Strother had a concealed-weapons permit, NBC-2 reported.

Bardes, 47, of New Jersey, served in the U.S. Air Force for three months before being discharged for knee pain. The News-Press reported. He worked as a corrections officer for two years before becoming a patrol officer.

The deputy's file included notes from supervisors who wrote early on in his career that he acted cautiously and was always respectful of the public, The News-Press reported.

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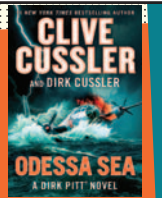
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# NATION

## GOP governors look to move fast on changes

By GARY FINEOUT  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Republicans are still celebrating their election victories, but the country's GOP governors warned this week that they need to move fast on many of the changes that have been promised to voters.

The Republican Governors Association held its annual conference at a resort near Disney World this week where several governors talked eagerly about how the election of Donald Trump could herald sweeping changes on everything from health care to education.

Many of them said those changes need to come soon before the nation and Republican leaders get caught up in the 2018 election cycle.

"We cannot squander this opportunity," said Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey.

Republicans now control the White

House and Congress. And Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker pointed out that this was the first time there has been this many GOP

**"The sky's the limit. There's no end to the good we can do."**

Scott Walker  
GOP Wisconsin governor

governors across the country since the 1920s.

Many of them were excited Tuesday about what could come next. "The sky's the limit," Walker said. "There's no end to the good we can do."

Walker and other governors kicked off a long list of areas they would like to gain more control over whether it was education, transportation, workplace rules, health care or environmental policies. But they said some of those policies need to be tackled within

Trump's first 100 days.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott contended that Democrats and their allies would do what they could to stop Republicans.

"The empire will strike back," said Scott, referencing the title of one of the "Star Wars" movies. "You can be sure they are right now planning to stop us from making real changes."

Most of the GOP governors mentioned health care when discussing their top priorities.

But it became evident they are not in complete agreement on how to unwind President Barack Obama's health care overhaul that included an expansion of Medicaid, the nation's main safety net health care program for the poor. An estimated 20 million Americans are now receiving coverage through different elements of the overhaul including Medicaid or through health care exchanges that

offer insurance policies.

Scott called the overhaul a "disaster" and said Republicans need to repeal it entirely. New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, however, said she expected people to continue to enroll for insurance using health care exchanges as long as it's the law and that they can't just take away insurance from people who have it now.

"I don't know that there will ever be a turn off the switch, wait a period of time and then turn it back on," said Martinez. "There is going to have to be a transition and not leave everyone uninsured."

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, who noted that Medicaid was expanded in his state prior to his election, called for a "thoughtful approach" to revamping health care and said he wants the ability to put in additional requirements for Medicaid recipients such as work requirements.

## Denver voters OK pot in bars

By KRISTEN WYATT  
Associated Press

DENVER — A glass of wine with dinner? Or maybe some marijuana?

Denver voters have approved a first-in-the-nation law allowing willing bars and restaurants to give patrons the option to use marijuana alongside a cocktail or meal. The catch: Smoking pot won't be allowed inside, and the locations would have to first get the approval of neighbors.

Denver voters approved Proposition 300 on the same day that the nation's largest state, California, and two others legalized pot for all adults and five more states approved pot for sick people — signs of society's increasing tolerance for the drug.

"It's the sensible thing to do," said Emmett Restoffero, a Denver marijuana consultant and campaign manager for the pot-in-bars measure. "This is about personal responsibility and respecting adults who want to have a place to enjoy cannabis."

Denver's measure takes effect immediately, but it has a lot of caveats.

First, interested bars and restaurants would have to show they have neighborhood support before getting a license to allow marijuana use. In addition, patrons would have to bring their own weed to comply with state law banning the sale of both pot and food or drink at a single location.

Patrons at participating bars could use pot inside as long as it isn't smoked. The law does provide for the possibility of outside smoking areas under re-



BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

Diners smoke marijuana during an evening of pairings of fine food and craft marijuana strains served at Planet Bluegrass, an outdoor venue in Lyons, Colo., on Oct. 2.

strictive circumstances.

Denver is the first city to allow use in bars and restaurants.

"The entire goal of this initiative is to provide adults with private places where they can consume cannabis so they're not consuming in public," said Mason Tvert, a spokesman for the national Marijuana Policy Project and a Denver proponent of the consumption law.

## Recount possible on Colo. slavery

By JAMES ANDERSON  
Associated Press

DENVER — It seemed like a no-brainer: Colorado's voters were asked to eliminate an archaic and offensive reference to slavery as a punishment for a crime in the state Constitution. But a week after the vote, the poorly-written amendment is on the cusp of failing, and a lack of clarity from lawmakers may be to blame.

Adopted before President Ulysses S. Grant proclaimed Colorado a state in 1876, the constitution declares: "There shall never be in this state either slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime."

That language mirrors the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that outlawed slavery in 1865.

Each chamber of Colorado's Legislature voted unanimously to refer Amendment T to voters. But it appeared on a state-issued voter's guide under the title, "No Exception to Involuntary Servitude Prohibition." The actual ballot question wasn't much clearer.

Not only that: The voter guide included arguments against the measure, even though there was no organized opposition.

The phantom argument — state law requires that some counterpoint be included — was that a

change could trigger lawsuits from prison inmates who may face delayed probation or loss of privileges for refusing work assignments or for earning low wages.

Out of nearly 2.3 million ballots cast in Colorado, "No" led "Yes" by more than 19,000 votes Monday. It's possible the eventual margin will be so close that the state could conduct a recount.

A host of clergy and civil rights activists supported changing the language in the state Constitution. Proponents have said they will get the Legislature to draft another amendment to be sent to voters if this one fails.

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## NATION

# Potential roadblocks for Trump's plan to boost fleet

By ERIK SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

There could be a lot more ships in the Navy's future, though it remains unclear where the money will come from and exactly how those ships might be used.

President-elect Donald Trump pledged to boost the fleet to 350 ships, a proposal advocated by an outgoing Virginia congressman reportedly being considered as the next Navy secretary.

"My plan will build the 350-ship Navy we need," Trump said in an Oct. 21 speech, according to his campaign website. "This will be the largest effort at rebuilding our military since Ronald Reagan, and it will require a truly national effort."

The speech provided no additional details. However, U.S. Naval Institute News reported that a source close to Trump attributed the idea to Rep. Randy Forbes, whose southeast Virginia district is part of the Navy's East Coast hub.

The Navy's 272-ship deployable fleet is operating under a 30-year shipbuilding plan that would bring it to 308 ships.

However, just getting the service up to 308 would require \$4.5 billion more in annual shipbuilding spending than planned, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Getting to 350 would cost about \$4 billion more annually on top of that, according to a Nov. 9 Congressional Research Service report. That doesn't include several billion dollars more in maintenance, staffing, weapons acquisition and long-term costs.

The large increase in shipbuilding would be paralleled by spending increases in other areas if Congress agrees to Trump's campaign pledges.

Trump called for increasing the active-duty Army by 60,000 soldiers and the Marines by 20,000 servicemen, Trump supporter Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., told Defense News last month. To spend more on shipbuilding and personnel, Congress would likely have to repeal or alter a law that subjects spending above budget caps to across-the-board cuts known as sequestration.

"Well, it would be a need for a spending increase, there is just no doubt about it," Sessions said. "And it is painful for me as a budget person to acknowledge that we can't stay at a sequester-like level. We are just not going to be able to do that."

## Makeup of the fleet

There are several notable plans for what a 350-ship plan would look like, most of which converge in key areas.

As Cold War-era submarines retire, the fast-attack fleet is projected to decrease 25 percent by 2029. Multiple 350-ship plans call

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Sen. Jeff Sessions  
R-Ala.

for 12 additional fast-attack submarines, which cost about \$2 billion each.

The Navy is dependent on two shipyards to build its submarines. Those same contractors will also likely be working on 12 replacements for the nuclear ballistic-missile sub fleet, which begins retiring in 2027.

"Going from building two Virginia Class submarines per year to four would not be as simple as adding more money to the ship construction account," Jerry Hendrix, senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, wrote this month in support of the 350-ship Navy. "Welders certified to work on nuclear-powered vessels take a year or more to train and certify, and the companies involved cannot cut corners for fear of damaging their reputations and stock prices."

A 350-ship plan could build 16 more ships in the cruiser/destroyer classes, which would more than double current building plans.

The Navy previously tried to retire some of its older, Ticonderoga-class missile cruisers but met opposition in the House's Seapower subcommittee, which was chaired by Forbes.

"This administration has tried to take out 11 of our cruisers," Forbes said last month, while

talking along with Sessions to Defense News. "You have to have those multiple cruisers or destroyers to do that 360-degree flight. It makes good sense to us to continue to modernize our cruisers."

A future frigate planned as a heavier version of the littoral combat ship could also see greater procurement, according to some scenarios.

In all, a Congressional Research Service theoretical 350-ship plan estimates that the Navy would need 45-58 more ships built on top of the 41 it is planning to have built.

## Using the ships

If Congress and the administration can free up funding and the industrial base can build them all, the question remains: What will the additional ships be doing?

The easiest part of that answer is reducing stress on the available ships and their crews.

The Navy had 58 percent of its 272 ships underway as of Nov. 10. The rest are in maintenance or preparing for a deployment.

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, combined with commitments in Asia and other priorities, have lengthened ship deployments



U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Huntington Ingalls Industries

**The Virginia-class attack submarine John Warner sits on Newport News Shipbuilding's floating dry dock in September. Multiple plans for a 350-ship U.S. fleet call for 12 additional fast-attack submarines, which cost about \$2 billion each.**

to eight to 11 months in multiple cases. That in turn has stretched the Navy's maintenance budget and kept families apart far longer than the Navy wants.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson has stated a goal of reducing average deployments to seven months by the end of this year.

The more difficult part to foresee is what U.S. security needs will be for the next few decades. For now, the Navy remains far ahead of any other nation's navy on a global scale.

However, most potential adversaries only need to win a conflict regionally. Asia-Pacific analysts point to China's growing navy and assertive territorial claims in conflict with U.S. allies.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its naval posturing have raised concerns, though Trump's overtures toward Moscow may change the strategic balance in the shorter term.

Meanwhile, stationing more ships in Italy or Greece, should those countries allow it, could give the U.S. a larger base of operations for Middle East contingencies.

The Congressional Research Service report on bigger fleets suggested that "a key potential reason for increasing the planned size of the Navy ... would be to re-establish a larger U.S. Navy forward-deployed presence in the European theater, and particularly the Mediterranean."

If Forbes' point of view gains sway with Trump, the argument may simply come down to letting the world know that the U.S. isn't going anywhere.

"Presence, the importance of being there, often with very basic, low-end ships that are backed up by the threat of high-end ships, is often enough to uphold American interests," he said.

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## NATION

# While Obama wants to close it, Trump would 'load up' Gitmo

BY BEN FOX  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Never mind closing Guantanamo. It might be getting bigger.

President Barack Obama is running out of time to fulfill his long-standing promise to shutter the prison at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Sixty inmates remain in the facility and only a third are cleared for release.

If Obama can't close it, his successor likely won't. Donald Trump has not only pledged to keep Guantanamo open, in April he said that "we're gonna load it up with some bad dudes, believe me. We're gonna load it up."

He told The Miami Herald in an interview that month that he would support trying U.S. citizens accused of terrorism at the

base, though that would require Congress to change federal law and would likely face constitutional challenges.

Opened in 2002 as a makeshift camp to detain men captured in the early fight against al-Qaida, Guantanamo has become a symbol of the strong-handed U.S. response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Its advocates say it keeps dangerous terrorists locked up. Opponents say it violates basic human rights, with prisoners held indefinitely without charges. Obama has said it feeds anti-U.S. sentiment worldwide and that the prisoners could be held for less money at facilities in the United States.

Rights groups are determined to make one last push for Obama to close Guantanamo.

"He knows what's at stake and he knows he can't leave the door to Guantanamo open for Donald

Trump," said Naureen Shah, director of the security and human rights program at Amnesty International.

It would take a bold and unlikely act of defiance, one that would face legal and political challenges, by Obama to shutter the prison before leaving office.

The Obama administration has repatriated or resettled nearly 180 Guantanamo prisoners. But he can't close the detention center because Congress has blocked it, most crucially with a ban on transferring men to facilities in the United States.

An interagency security review has cleared 20 of the 60 remaining prisoners for transfer. An administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss information that has not yet been made public, said officials expect to complete a "substantial number" of those transfers before



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

**U.S. servicemembers stand guard at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba. Donald Trump's pledge to put more prisoners in the U.S. base has human rights groups making a push for President Barack Obama to close the detention center before he leaves office.**

Obama leaves office on Jan. 20.

"It is true that I have not been able to close the darn thing because of the congressional restrictions that have been placed on us," Obama said at a news conference Monday. "What is also true is we have greatly reduced the population. You now have

significantly less than 100 people there."

Guantanamo had a peak of about 680 prisoners in July 2003 before dropping to nearly 240 when Obama took office in 2009.

It still holds Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who admitted to planning the Sept. 11 attacks.



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## NATION

# Trump adviser has history of provocation, or is it prejudice?

By JEFF HORWITZ  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Donald Trump announced Stephen Bannon as his top White House strategist, critics re-erupted with allegations that Bannon was racist, sexist and anti-Semitic.

"I promise you that as scary" as people said, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said on NBC's "Today" show Tuesday. She called concerns about Bannon "very unfair."

If history is any guide, Bannon won't be putting those fears to rest anytime soon. As a conservative media brawler who became Trump's campaign chief executive,



Bannon

"What we need to do is bitch-slap the Republican Party," Bannon said in a 2010 radio interview.

For a man aggrieved with elite educational, business and media institutions, Bannon has been to the top of some of them. Born into a Norfolk, Va., family of Catholic Democrats, Bannon served in the U.S. Navy before attending Harvard Business School. Afterward, he went to Goldman Sachs, leaving to start his own media-focused boutique investment banking firm. After selling the business to French banking giant Societe Generale, he became a film producer.

Though he created successful Hollywood films, the groundwork for his future in politics came from a Reagan biopic, "In the Face of Evil," which introduced him to conservative publisher Andrew Breitbart and author Peter Schweizer.

After Breitbart died unexpectedly in 2012, Bannon took the helm of a relaunch of his news site. Breitbart grew quickly, from

12 million monthly page views to more than 192 million by August of this year, according to the site.

During the Republican Convention, Bannon said Breitbart was "the platform for the alt-right," a loose group espousing a provocative and reactionary strain of conservatism. Heavily influenced by the shock-based rhetoric of internet chat boards, the alt-right includes strains of white nationalism and aggressive anti-feminism.

The alt-right's mainstream apologists describe those themes as a demonstration of free speech rather than a full-throated endorsement of prejudice.

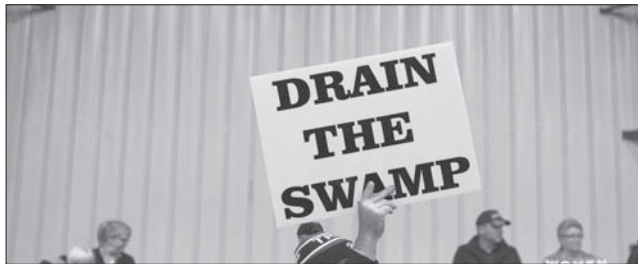
In interviews, Bannon has acknowledged that the alt-right may attract some racists, homophobes and anti-Semites, but said that he does not share those opinions — and that the left harbors undesirable elements as well.

Regardless of Bannon's personal views on race and gender, he has heartily endorsed using inflammatory rhetoric to incite Breitbart's readership. In a December 14 internal Breitbart email obtained by the Daily Beast, Bannon and an editor discussed a traditional Washington slight — the possibility that Breitbart might not have been invited to a press conference by Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah. The conversation quickly spiraled into rage at the Republican political establishment.

He compared leadership figures to women's genitalia. "Let the grassroots turn on the hate because that's the ONLY thing that will make them do their duty."

Such opinions make Bannon an odd pairing with Reince Priebus, the Republican chairman whom Trump has named his chief of staff. Senior members of Trump's camp have displayed the prospects for conflict.

"When you're out there just criticizing, it's one thing," Trump adviser Rudy Giuliani said. "When you actually get on the inside, there's a certain weight of responsibility to the American people on your shoulders. And I think Steve Bannon is the kind of guy who gets that."



Evan Vucci/AP

Supporters of then-Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump hold signs during a campaign rally in Springfield, Ohio, on Oct. 27. Trump's campaign promise to ban executive-branch officials from lobbying for five years after leaving their government jobs could make it difficult for him to fill the jobs.

# Lobbyist ban complicates administration's hiring

Trump's vow to 'drain the swamp' will make it hard to fill jobs

By JULIE BYKOWICZ  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump's campaign promise to "drain the swamp" of Washington might make it difficult for him to fill all the jobs in his administration.

Trump's ethics plan would ban all executive-branch officials from lobbying for five years after leaving their government jobs — one of several policies aimed at curbing the influence of lobbyists. His campaign released his plan about three weeks before Election Day, and "drain the swamp" quickly became a favorite rallying cry and social media hashtag.

Lobbyists, many of whom are massed along the K Street corridor downtown just blocks from the White House, see the plan as misguided and argue that it could backfire on him. The incoming Republican president is racing to hire some 4,000 executive-branch employees, and his ethics plan could cause some job-seekers to look elsewhere because it limits how they can earn a living when they decide to leave the

administration.

To those who have long advocated for breaking the "Potomac fever" that befalls those who come to Washington and never leave, Trump's ban is worth the risk of losing some potential administration employees.

"Too many people go into government service as a way to punch their ticket and come out and make millions of dollars. That's both a concern and a reality," said Meredith McGehee, an executive at the government reform group Issue One. "Is there a cost to someone who goes into government service? The answer is yes. Are there lots of other things that person can do? Absolutely. Do policy. Go back home."

She praised Trump's pledge. Yet the devil is in the details — and the follow-through, said McGehee, who has worked on transparency and disclosure issues for three decades.

Trump's plan makes bold assertions, some more doable than others.

He can enforce his executive-branch lobbying ban with the stroke of his pen, but measures

involving Congress are trickier. Trump says he will ask Congress to institute a five-year lobbying ban for members and staff, which would take the approval of senators and representatives, who might be squeamish about tamping down their own future employment options.

Trump also wants to "expand the definition of lobbyist so we close all the loopholes that former government officials use by labeling themselves consultants and advisers when we all know they are lobbyists."

That's reasonable, McGehee said, but difficult. Increasingly, those employed by the influence industry call themselves "government relations strategists." In fact, the number of registered lobbyists in Washington has dropped to fewer than 10,000 from 15,000 a decade ago. These "lobbyists" haven't gone anywhere, McGehee said; they're just calling themselves something else.

Trump said he has no choice but to rely on lobbyists as he forms his government — but he argued he would try to change the dynamic over time.

# Senate Dems want new leader, GOP sticks with McConnell

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats are turning to Sen. Chuck Schumer, a Brooklyn-bred partisan infighter with a pragmatic streak, to steer them into the Donald Trump era. Republicans are sticking with the genteel Kentuckian, Sen. Mitch McConnell, who lacks Schumer's instinct for soundbites but has been a brutally effective legislative tactician.

Senate Democrats and Republicans were to meet separately Wednesday to pick their leaders for the Congress that convenes in January. Their selections of Schumer, from

New York, and McConnell are expected to produce little drama.

That's the opposite of the House, where both parties' leadership elections have been more theatrical. There, Republicans voted Tuesday to renominate Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., after recalcitrant conservatives and Trump backers upset by Ryan's frigid campaign-season treatment of Trump fell into line. Democrats postponed their leadership election until Nov. 30 after junior lawmakers demanded more time to digest the party's disappointing Election Day showing, a warning shot at House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Schumer, 65, has been No. 3 Senate Democratic leader and is a confidante of Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., departing after a three-decade career in the chamber. Schumer has a history of being a savvy partisan combatant willing to strike compromises, such as on a 2013 bipartisan immigration overhaul that ended up dying.

Schumer is vaulting past No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Dick Durbin of Illinois and will lead Democrats' last line of defense against the Trump White House and GOP-controlled House. Senate Democrats — outnumbered 52-48, including two independents who back Democrats — could

prevent McConnell from getting the 60 votes he'll need on some important issues.

On Tuesday, House Republicans renominated Ryan by unanimous voice vote.

Ryan will need 218 votes — a majority — to be approved when the full, new House convenes Jan. 3. With the GOP on target to have 241 seats next year, Ryan can afford just 23 defections, but many Republicans expect Ryan to be safe in the GOP aftermath of Trump's win.

Aiding Ryan: Support from Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence, which Ryan and others underscored to Republican lawmakers before they voted.



## WORLD

## ‘THE FOG OF WAR’

US-backed campaign in Yemen raises war crimes questions

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Associated Press

ABS, Yemen — On an August morning, a taxi driver in northwestern Yemen hugged his kids and jokingly told his family, “Forgive me if I don’t come back.” It was his way of laughing off the danger of driving in a country where airstrikes can hit any road at any time.

In the afternoon, Mohammed al-Khal happened upon just such a strike. Three missiles had hit a highway, leaving bystanders wounded. Al-Khal took one of them, an ice cream vendor, in his car and rushed him to the hospital in the town of Abs, run by the international humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders.

But the warplanes were still hunting. Moments after al-Khal pulled up at the Abs hospital, hell broke loose. A missile struck just outside the hospital entrance. Al-Khal, a father of eight, was incinerated in his car. The blast ripped through patients and family waiting in an outdoor reception area. Nineteen people were killed, along with two civilians killed on the highway.

The Aug. 15 attack typified what has been a pattern in the nearly 2-year-old air campaign by Saudi Arabia and its allies against Yemen’s Shiite rebels, known as Houthis. Rights groups and U.N. officials say the U.S.-backed coalition has often either deliberately or recklessly depended on faulty intelligence, failed to distinguish between civilian and military targets and disregarded the likelihood of civilian casualties.

Experts say some of the strikes amount to war crimes.

“The Saudis have been committing war crimes in Yemen,” said Gabor Rona, a professor teaching the laws of war at Columbia University. He warned



A man holds a picture of Mohammed al-Khal who was killed by a Saudi-led airstrike that targeted his car at Abs hospital in the northern town of Abs, Yemen, in August.

that American personnel helping the coalition “may also be guilty of war crimes.”

Nearly 4,000 civilians have been killed in the war, and an estimated 60 percent of them died in airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition, the U.N. says.

Saudi Arabia launched the coalition campaign in March 2015 in a bid to restore the internationally recognized government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi after the Houthis overran the capital, Sanaa, and the north of the country. The Iran-backed Houthis are allied with troops loyal Saudi Arabia’s ousted predecessor, Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The war has been devastating for the country of 26 million. Around 3 million have been driven from their homes. The bombardment, fighting and a coalition blockade have caused widespread hunger.

Warplanes have hit medical centers, hospitals, schools, factories, infrastructure and roads, as well as markets, weddings and residential compounds.

The U.S. and its allies have sold billions of dollars in weapons to Saudi Arabia for the campaign. The U.S. military provides it with intelligence, satellite imagery and logistical help.

Washington underlines it does not make targeting decisions and calls on the coalition to investigate reported violations. Over the summer, the U.S. military reduced

the number of military personnel advising the coalition from several dozen to fewer than five, an apparent move to distance itself from the campaign.

“U.S. security cooperation with Saudi Arabia is not a blank check,” National Security Council spokesman Ned Price said in October.

The coalition says it does its utmost to avoid civilian casualties and notes the rebels often operate among civilians. Rights groups and U.N. officials have also reported probable war crimes by the Houthis, including shelling civilian areas and basing their fighters in schools and other civilian locations.

“This is the fog of war,” the coalition’s spokesman, Saudi Gen. Ahmed al-Asiri, told The Associated Press when asked if there is a pattern of civilian deaths in strikes. “In war, there are decisions that should be taken fast.”

The coalition says it investigates every claim of violations. So far it has made nine investigations public. In two it acknowledged mistakes and said it would pay compensation to victims. In most of the other cases, it said the strikes were against a justified military target.

Critics say the American and international backing and lack of independent investigation have given Saudi Arabia and its allies free rein.

ness partnerships.

Nussli, a Swiss company that reportedly had a business partnership with a company Choi owned in Germany, hasn’t responded to multiple requests by The Associated Press seeking to confirm whether it had tried to win construction deals for the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Games with the help of Choi.

In a telephone conversation with the AP last week, Kim said that, under the direction of the president’s office, he instructed Pyeongchang organizers sometime around March or April to

“We believe that the coalition understood ... it has a green light to commit more massacres in Yemen,” said Abdel-Rashed al-Faqeh, the head of Muwatana, one of Yemen’s most prominent rights groups.

The strike in Abs underscored several of the problems experts point to in many of the strikes — the failure to distinguish between civilian and military targets and a lack of proportionality, the principle that use of force must be balanced to avoid civilian casualties.

In the strikes, warplanes initially fired a rocket targeting a Houthi checkpoint manned by two rebels on a highway outside Abs. The fighters escaped, but two more rockets were fired, killing two bystanders and wounding others. It appears the warplanes followed al-Khal’s Camry, believing he was carrying a wounded fighter, and struck him outside the hospital.

The hospital was on a coalition list of sites not to be targeted in airstrikes, and had markings on its roof to show it was a medical facility.

The AP interviewed witnesses to the strikes on the highway and at the hospital.

The head of Doctors Without Borders’s mission in Yemen, Colette Gadonne, said the coalition acknowledged to the group privately that the strike was a mistake.

review Nussli’s design for temporary stands at one of the Olympic venues being built.

However, Kim said the design was merely one of the alternatives reviewed as the government looked for ways to reduce Olympic costs, and that it was immediately rejected by organizers because it wasn’t economical enough. Kim also said he had no knowledge at the time of business ties between Nussli and Choi’s company, The Blue K.

Kim resigned as deputy sports minister last month amid the allegations.

## China bans ‘fatty’ Kim nicknames on websites

BEIJING — Chinese websites are censoring “Kim Fatty the Third,” a nickname widely used to disparage North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, after officials from his country reportedly conveyed their displeasure in a meeting with their Chinese counterparts.

Searches for the Chinese name “Jin San Pang” on the search engine Baidu and microblogging platform Weibo returned no results this week.

The nickname pokes fun at Kim’s girth and his status as the third generation of the Kim family to rule the world’s only hereditary communist dynasty. It’s especially popular among young, irreverent Chinese who tend to look down on their country’s would-be ally.

North Korean officials, fearing that Kim would find out about the nickname, lodged a formal request with China recently to prohibit names disparaging Kim from appearing in the media, according to Hong Kong newspaper reports.

North Korea’s “the third” is such a widely used term in China that it is sometimes suggested by auto-complete algorithms on web portals such as Baidu, China’s leading search engine. While searches for “Jin San Pang” returned no results this week, Baidu left untouched results for other versions of the nickname, such as “Kim Fat Fat Fat.”

## Obese Mexican man removed from home

MEXICO CITY — A Mexican man who weighs about 400 pounds and hadn’t left his bed in six years has been removed by medical personnel for treatment.

His doctor gave the 32-year-old man’s name only as Juan Pedro, from the central city of Aguascalientes.

Gabriela Centeno, spokeswoman for the office of Dr. Jose Antonio Castaneda, said Tuesday the patient was taken to Guadalajara where blood samples were taken. She said he will remain in that city for several months receiving treatment.

Special equipment was needed to move the man, who hadn’t left his bed for years.

## ‘Post-truth’ chosen as Oxford’s word of year

LONDON — Oxford dictionary editors have chosen their word of the year: “post-truth,” a term sometimes used to describe the current political climate.

Oxford Dictionaries said Wednesday that use of the term rose 2,000 percent between 2015 and 2016, often in discussions of Britain’s decision to leave the European Union and the campaign of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump.

It’s often used in the phrase “post-truth politics” and is defined as belonging to a time in which truth has become irrelevant.

Runners-up for 2016 include “Brexit,” an advocate of the U.K. leaving the EU; the extreme conservative movement known as “alt-right”; and “hug,” the Danish concept of domestic coziness.

From The Associated Press

## Ex-vice sports minister questioned in S. Korean scandal

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean prosecutors on Wednesday questioned a former vice sports minister over an explosive political scandal that’s threatening Park Geun-hye’s presidency and could spill over to preparations for the Winter Olympics.

The summoning of Kim Chong came as prosecutors prepare to take their investigation to Park, who has apologized over suspicions that she allowed her longtime friend Choi Soon-sil to manipulate power from the shadows and exploit her presidential ties to amass

an illicit fortune.

“I will sincerely attend to the prosecution’s investigation,” Kim told reporters.

Kim has been suspected of swinging lucrative business deals to sports organizations controlled by Choi, who prosecutors have arrested and plan to indict by the end of the week, and also influencing the ministry’s decision to financially support a winter sports foundation run by Choi’s niece.

The media has also raised suspicions that Kim aided Choi in her alleged attempts to land Olympic construction deals through busi-

## EUROPE



# 'A unique experience'

## Students make creative connections at DODEA arts symposium

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

OBERWESEL, Germany — More than 160 students from DODEA-Europe are spilling their creative juices this week at a symposium that celebrates the visual and performing arts.

Creative Connections has been an annual event for more than 30 years. It gives the best student artists, performers and musicians attending U.S. military schools in Europe an outlet to express themselves and hone their craft.

Since arriving in this city on the Rhine River late Sunday, the students have been working intensively, preparing for a performance and art show scheduled for parants and the public on Thursday.

"I say it's like creating a magnet school for a week," said Hope Matthews, Creative Connections' project officer. "You just float from room to room and you hear show tunes and you hear symphonic tunes; you hear garage band and you see the kids working with all different mediums of art."

Students auditioned in September for a spot in the elite program after submitting applications with samples of their work or performances. A Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe committee selected 169 students from about 455 applicants, Matthews said.

"We wanted to give as many kids the opportunity to do this because, as you can see, they're eating it up," she said. "It is such a unique experience for them and honor for them to come here and have the best materials to work with and experts who are really teaching to their specialty."

Students applied to and were selected for 10 different workshops, mostly in the traditional arts, such as dance, string ensemble, oil and pastels and musical theater.

But the symposium also made room for more contemporary artistic pursuits and interests such as video production and "garage band" — the latter a workshop requiring pupils to compose their own music and lyrics and not just head-bang.



**Top:** Members of the musical theater workshop finish a number during a rehearsal at Creative Connections. The troupe was performing songs from various musicals, including the "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Hamilton." **Above:** Emily Gilbert, of Vicenza, discusses her portrait with instructor Wade Krauchi in a drawing workshop. **Left:** Members of one group of the garage band workshop discuss a composition they were working on.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

The instructors are DODEA Europe art, music and drama teachers. Two guest instructors were former teachers with the DODEA.

With a paintbrush in her hand and a messy mixture of watercolors spread out on a desk in front of her, Audre Balandra, a senior at Wiesbaden High School, said Creative Connections was both motivating and humbling.

"It's really challenging because you go from being one of the best in your school to just mediocre, because everyone else is like the best in their school," she said. "Everyone here is really talented."

Attending Creative Connections last year for oil and pastels helped Balandra figure out she wants to further her education in art and perhaps make it a career.

More video and more photos from Creative Connections symposium  
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working on two songs. One, which they described as "more uplifting and happy," didn't have a name yet, but they were thinking of calling it "Sunshine."

The other song is "grungy and darker," said Gabe Contino, a drummer from Stuttgart High School.

"Yeah, it's very '90s," said Gabriella Moghaddam, a freshman vocalist from Naples High School, Italy.

Besides producing original music, the workshop is a real-life lesson in collaboration, the band members said. "It teaches you how to work with other people who have different ideas than you," Contino said.

"We all just met each other ... on Sunday night," Moghaddam said. "We were pretty much strangers and we had to write this song together, so it's been pretty cool."

In her second year of costume design, Ashley Freundner, a senior at AFNORTH High School, Belgium, hunched over a sewing machine while stitching a jumpsuit with ruffles she designed for one of the actors in musical theater.

A year ago, "I had only touched a sewing machine once," she said. "I wouldn't want to be doing anything else," she said of Creative Connections.

Mixed media instructor Jessica Spencer, an art teacher at Alconbury Middle/High School, England, said she hopes her students at Creative Connections see where they can "push themselves, take risks and be surprised and be like, 'Wow, I created that.'"

"A lot of kids come back from Creative Connections so inspired" and excited about art, saying, "I wish this could be my every day school," she said.

The Creative Connections performance can be watched via live-streaming on Thursday, Nov. 17, starting at 5:30 p.m. at: <http://goo.gl/qYtNzb>

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Repaired carillon rings out at Athens concert

**WV** ATHENS — West Virginia's only traditional bronze-bell carillon rang out again in Athens after undergoing repairs.

The Bluefield Daily Telegraph reported the 48-bell assembly atop Marsh Hall at Concord University was played during a free concert Monday evening. Assistant music professor Kipp Cortez presented the music.

The carillon was recently renovated after the bell tower was struck by lightning in 2011, damaging its computer system.

The carillon was dedicated in 1997. The largest bell weighs 4,310 pounds and is roughly 59 inches in diameter, and the smallest bell is 7 inches tall and weighs 29 pounds.

## Man beats deputies with baton, dies in custody

**SC** LADSON — Authorities said a man who beat two South Carolina sheriff's deputies with their own baton died after he was taken into custody with the help of bystanders.

Several news outlets quoted Charleston County sheriff's Major Eric Watson as saying the incident began Sunday afternoon with a barefoot man blocking traffic as he walked on a highway near Ladson. Watson said the man fought with deputies, taking a baton from one of them and hitting them both in the head. He said the officers used a Taser, which didn't appear to work.

Watson said up to 10 people nearby then helped restrain the man, who died at the hospital. The coroner has ordered an autopsy to identify the man and determine how he died.

## 7 inmates in solitary for more than decade

**NC** CHARLOTTE — State prison officials said seven inmates have been held for more than a decade in solitary confinement, a practice human rights advocates say amounts to torture.

The Charlotte Observer reported that a prison spokesman rejected the newspaper's request for these inmates' names, citing a court ruling.

The Observer identified two prisoners through other means. One is Jason Swain, who suffers from bipolar depression and has been in solitary confinement for more than 13 years.

Another, Shawn Minnich, recently wrote to an Observer reporter to say he's been in solitary for 13 straight years. State prison officials said Minnich is an extreme escape risk with a history of assaulting staff members.

## Teen grandson backs over, kills grandmother

**NY** NEW YORK — A Queens woman was killed over the weekend when her teenage grandson accidentally backed over her while preparing to take his relatives to church.

Police said Chandravati Lakhan, 75, Sunday morning after she stepped into the path of her

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The approximate number of pounds of pot stolen from a California marijuana grower, who was killed during the robbery. The Santa Rosa Press Democrat reported Jeffrey Settler, 35, was sleeping near his product on a remote property north of Laytonville. Mendocino County sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten said Settler was violently assaulted, and his body was discovered Friday. Van Patten said people who had worked for Settler as marijuana trimmers went to the property Thursday with the intent to rob him. Deputies are searching for five suspects in the case.



JOHN ROARK, THE ATHENS (GA.) BANNER-HERALD/AP

## At WorldFest in full regalia

Zeynep Kacar, left, and Ergun Kacar attend WorldFest in traditional Turkish dress at the University of Georgia's Tate Plaza in Athens, Ga., on Monday. WorldFest is an annual cultural festival to celebrate the kick-off of International Education Week.

17-year-old grandson's Toyota Sequoia as he was reversing to make it easier for her to get in.

Officers arrived on the scene to find Lakhian unconscious and suffering from body trauma. She was rushed from the family's Floral Park home to the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, where she was later pronounced dead.

## Man receives offensive letters citing Trump win

**MA** NATICK — Police in Massachusetts said a man reported receiving threatening letters that demanded he not bring black people to visit his neighborhood and referenced the election of Donald Trump.

Natick police Lt. Cara Rossi confirmed the man reported receiving one letter on Nov. 10 and another on Nov. 11. Police are investigating the incident as a possible hate crime.

The Boston Globe reported one letter said, "We have reclaimed our country by selecting Trump and you are now messing up every thing."

Police said the letters had been found on the man's doorstep.

## Man reports theft from car, leaves pot inside

**PA** TREXLEERTOWN — Police said a Michigan man who reported money stolen from his car while it was being serviced at a Pennsylvania shop committed a crime of his own: marijuana possession.

Upper Macungie Township police said they found an ounce of marijuana and a pipe in Daniel Young's vehicle after they were called to investigate his theft report.

Young, 26, of Whitmore Lake, Mich., told police he thought someone stole \$20 from his car while it was being worked on last week. When police arrived to search the vehicle, they allegedly found the pot that Young forgot he left inside the car.

## Alamo mission church closed to public events

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — Alamo officials say ceremonies and other events no longer will be held in the mission church because of concerns with

its deteriorating condition.

The 250-year-old church is the most recognizable part of the Alamo, which attracts more than 2.5 million visitors annually.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that the Alamo's chief operations officer, Ian Oldaker, acknowledged in a letter to groups that have requested to gather in the church that they'll find the decision disappointing. He asks them to support efforts to "preserve and protect these historic treasures."

Groups can still hold gatherings elsewhere on the 4.2-acre state-owned Alamo grounds.

## Special rifle will mark state's 150th birthday

**NE** LINCOLN — A special \$3,195 rifle is being designed to mark Nebraska's 150th birthday.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that 150 of the Henry Big Boy .45-caliber colt rifles will be sold.

The rifles will feature 24-karat gold and polished nickel engravings of images associated with Nebraska. The engraving will include a sod house, the state capitol,

chimney rock and the state bird and tree.

All the rifles commissioned for Nebraska's Sesquicentennial will come with a display case.

## Fire destroys city hall under construction

**MN** LAKELAND — Fire destroyed a city hall under construction east of the Twin Cities, a building project that had divided public opinion.

Washington County sheriff's officials said firefighters were called to the construction site in Lakeland about 11:30 p.m. Sunday and found the partially-completed structure fully involved.

The new city hall had been decided in the community of about 1,800 for more than a year before the City Council decided to go ahead with construction.

The project was also an issue in the mayor's race. Mayor-elect Richard Glasgow wanted to preserve the historic city hall while his opponent, incumbent Amy Williams, favored the new construction.

From wire reports



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Ryan Phillippe, left, and Omar Epps star in "Shooter." The series starts Nov. 22 on AFN-Spectrum. USA Network

# REACHING NEW AUDIENCES

Character Bob Lee Swagger returns to screens again in TV series 'Shooter'

By DAVID ZURAWIK  
The Baltimore Sun

**B**ob Lee Swagger just won't die. Since his 1993 debut in Baltimore author Stephen Hunter's best-selling thriller "Point of Impact," the ex-Marine sniper has been featured in eight more novels and a 2007 feature film starring Mark Wahlberg.

And on Nov. 22, he arrives on AFN-Spectrum in a 10-hour series, "Shooter," starring Ryan Phillippe. Produced by Wahlberg and co-starring Omar Epps, this is not only quality drama — it's a series that speaks with the same

kind of cultural resonance to Donald Trump's America in 2016 that Hunter's original creation did to Bill Clinton's.

Swagger is an enduring American creation, and the TV version will likely take him to a wider audience and a new generation of viewers.

"There is a built-in audience," Hunter said of Swagger in an interview last week at The Baltimore Sun, where he worked as a film critic until 1996. He won a Pulitzer for criticism at The Washington Post in 2003.

"(The audience) begins with serious gun people and extends through people who are strong

on the Second Amendment or just strong on a purist interpretation of the Constitution," he explained. "Those people will be there."

They are also loyal to characters who embody their values, he added.

"He represents the old values, the John Wayne values," Hunter said. "And, I believe, that's a universal set of values. And no matter how cynical, degraded, depraved or ugly culture gets, I believe that urtext lures in there somewhere, and that many people are going to respond to it."

Hunter uses words like urtext the way I use dog or cat. It's totally unpretentious. It's the way

his mind seems to work, seeking out the precise word for abstract concepts even in casual conversation — or at least in conversations I've had with him.

When I came to the Sun in 1989 and first met Hunter, I walked away thinking he was the smartest, toughest and most fearless film critic I'd ever encountered. Nothing he or any other critic has written or said in the last 27 years has disabused me of that notion.

For those not familiar with the word, urtext means the original text to which all others are compared. So think of Swagger as a descendant of Wayne, the icon of masculinity in post-World War II

America. Hunter points specifically to the alienated Civil War veteran played by Wayne in the 1956 western "The Searchers," his favorite film. "Sometimes, someone will say to me, 'You know, I hate guns. I want guns banned. I want guns destroyed. But I love your books,'" Hunter said. "That's because what I'm selling more than the guns is the code. And even if we acknowledge that we're incapable of living up to it — and I certainly am — we understand it as an ideal."

Swagger loves his many guns — there's no doubt about that.

"Guns change everything. And a bullet is forever," viewers are told in the pilot's opening.

But the attraction of this character is that he lives by a code of honor and ethical behavior tied to his history with the Marines no matter how much the government might mistrust or betray him.

"With all his flaws and warts and trips off the wagon and complaints about his hip, he embodies the ideal of that belief," Hunter said.

"Shooter" is steeped in Swagger's connectivity with military even though the former Marine sergeant is back in civilian life after taking a bullet in the hip from an enemy marksman. He now lives a rural life with his wife and daughter, and in the pilot the little girl begs for a bedtime story by calling out the names of places her dad has served overseas.

"Kandahar," she says excitedly, referencing a combat tale he's told before about a mission in Afghanistan.

"Oh, honey, Kandahar takes too long."

"Tikrit?" she asks, naming a battle in Iraq. She reads the sideways look he gives her as no. "OK, fine, Basra," she says pointing just a little as she names another Iraqi combat site. "Semper Fi," she says proudly as he starts into the tale, sounding the Marine motto that translates as "always faithful."

"Semper Fi," he says lovingly to her.

## Nobel no-show: Dylan not coming to Stockholm to get prize

Associated Press

Bob Dylan won't be coming to Stockholm to pick up his 2016 Nobel Prize for literature at the Dec. 10 prize ceremony.

The Swedish Academy said Wednesday that Dylan told them "he wishes he could receive the prize personally, but other commitments make that unfortunately impossible."

The 75-year-old American singer-songwriter was awarded the prize Oct. 13 "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

Details about who would accept the award on Dylan's behalf were unclear — more information on that was expected Friday.

Permanent Secretary Sara Danius told Swedish news agency TT the academy received "a personal letter" from Dylan and that he "underlined that he feels extremely honored by the Nobel Prize."

The Academy said it "respects Bon Dylan's decision," adding that not traveling to the Swedish capital to personally pick up the prestigious award was "unusual, but not exceptional."

"The award is still theirs, as it now belongs to Bob Dylan," the Academy said. "We are looking forward to Bob Dylan's

Nobel lecture, which he must hold, according to the requirements, within six months" from Dec. 10.

Dylan at first was silent after the Nobel announcement but eventually said getting the award left him "speechless."

### Trailer amasses online hits

Director Bill Condon was only interested in turning Disney's animated classic "Beauty and the Beast" into a live-action film if he could use Alan Menken's Oscar-winning score. He remembers fondly when it came out in 1991 and how it not only solidified Disney's animation renaissance after "The Little Mermaid," but also helped revitalize the movie musical at a time when the genre was basically dead.

It's fitting, then, that the twinkling instrumentals of Menken's prologue are the first thing you hear in the new trailer for the film, released Monday by Disney.

Set for a March 1, 2017, release, the film stars Emma Watson as Belle and Dan Stevens as the Beast. The film will feature re-recordings of Menken and Howard Ashman's songs, as well as a few new ones.

"We talk about how technology is a reason for doing it 25 years later, but the fact

is, too, that the genre itself has revived and people are more accepting. There's a wider audience for just the joy of breaking out into song," said Condon, who also wrote and directed "Dreamgirls." "It feels like the audience has caught up again."

In its first 24 hours online, the trailer garnered 127.6 million views — besting the first day trailer stats for both "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and "Fifty Shades Darker" by more than 13 million views.

### Fisher reveals affair with Ford

Carrie Fisher has revealed that Princess Leia's romance with Han Solo in "Star Wars" extended off-screen, as well.

Fisher tells People magazine that she enjoyed an "intense" affair with co-star Harrison Ford during the filming of the 1977 blockbuster. Fisher was 19 and Ford was 33 and married at the time of what she says was a three-month affair. The actress tells People, "It was Han and Leia during the week, and Carrie and Harrison during the weekend." She says the romance ended when shooting on the film did.

Fisher writes about the fling in her book "The Princess Diarist."

### Other news

■ Prince's record company is suing Jay Z's company for copyright infringement, saying it streamed Prince's songs on the Tidal music service without permission after his death. Prince's NPG Records says in a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday in Minneapolis federal court that Prince gave permission to Roc Nation to stream songs on Tidal from only one of his albums. NPG Records wants the streaming halted and seeks damages. Roc Nation says in a court filing in state court last week that Prince signed off on the arrangement before his death.

■ Former pro wrestler and NFL lineman Big Van Vader announced on Twitter on Tuesday that doctors have told him he has just two years to live due to congestive heart failure. He says his wrestling and football careers are to blame. Vader, 61, whose real name is Leon White, took up wrestling after being forced into early retirement from football due to an injury.

■ Bounce TV has announced in social media posts that it will resume airing reruns of "The Cosby Show" on Dec. 19, even as the comedian's sexual assault trial looms next year.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Trump name removed from 3 buildings

Residents complained after release of then-candidate's crude recording

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's name is being stripped off three luxury apartment buildings after hundreds of tenants signed a petition saying they were embarrassed to live in a place associated with the Republican president-elect.

In all, about 600 residents of the three rental towers in Trump Plaza signed the online petition, which began circulating after the public release of a decade-old recording of Trump boasting about groping women and kissing them without their consent.

Tenants learned on Tuesday from the company that owns and manages the New York skyscrapers, which hold 1,325 rental apartments, that the huge gold letters spelling out "Trump Place" would be removed from the sides of the buildings within days.

"We're all very excited and thrilled, and it's about time," said Marie Jacobis, who has lived in

one of the buildings for five years. "We're disgusted with the results of the presidency."

A spokeswoman for Trump's transition team, Hope Hicks, did not immediately return a request for comment on Tuesday. She told The New York Times in October that removing the Trump name would cause a building to "lose tremendous value."

A spokesman for Equity Residential, the Chicago-based company that owns and manages the buildings, said its executives considered "the input of our residents" among other factors when making the decision to change the names. The letters spelling out Trump's name will be replaced with the buildings' addresses.

Several neighboring towers that also bear the Trump Place name but have different owners are sticking with the Trump brand.

In the early 1990s, Trump partnered with Chinese investors to

develop a large area of land near Lincoln Center and the Hudson River on Manhattan's Upper West Side. When Trump's partners decided to sell the development in 2005 for \$1.76 billion, he sued, arguing the price was too low.

Trump lost that litigation and announced a minority partner. His Trump Organization still manages some buildings in the development.

Brian Dumont, a wealth manager who has lived in his Trump Place apartment for four years, said the petition drive gained momentum after neighbors became increasingly embarrassed explaining to fellow New Yorkers that they lived in Trump buildings.

"You know how it is in New York; everyone asks you where you live," he said. "And we found ourselves just recoiling."

Voters in Manhattan resoundingly rejected Trump on Election Day. Democrat Hillary Clinton

pulled in more than a half-million votes, compared with fewer than 60,000 for him.

Trump, asked whether his comments on the campaign trail had hurt his brand, said in an interview Sunday, "Who cares?" "I don't care about hotel occupancy. It's peanuts compared to what we're doing. Health care, making people better," he said.

## MARKET WATCH

Nov. 15, 2016

Dow Jones Industrials **54,37**  
**18,923.06**

Nasdaq composite **57,22**  
**5,275.62**

Standard & Poor's 500 **16.19**  
**2,180.39**

Russell 2000 **3.54**  
**1,302.14**

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 17)	\$1.0994
Dollar buys (Nov. 17)	\$0.9096
British pound (Nov. 17)	\$1.28
Japanese yen (Nov. 17)	105.00
South Korean won (Nov. 17)	1,136.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3781
British pound	\$1.2440
Canada (dollar)	1.3456
China (Yuan)	6.8783
Denmark (Krone)	6.9542
Egypt (Pound)	15.4995
Hong Kong (dollar)	\$1.0703/9343
Hungary (Forint)	289.88
Israel (Sheqel)	3.8511
Japan (Yen)	109.21
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3042
Norway (Krone)	8.4811
Philippines (Peso)	49.34
Poland (Zloty)	4.15
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.7510
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4154
South Korea (Won)	1,172.70
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0032
Thailand (Baht)	35.47
Turkey (Lira)	1.3200

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## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.50
3-month Treasury bill	0.36
Federal funds market rate	0.36
1-month bill	0.515
30-year bond	2.96

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	79	56	Cir	Chatanooga	77	43	Cir	Fort Wayne	69	41	Cir	Louisville	75	45	Cir
Akron, Ohio	58	38	Cir	Cheyenne	35	29	Snow	Fresno	65	40	Cir	Lubbock	80	52	Cir
Albuquerque	52	29	Pdly	Chicago	69	47	Pdly	Goodland	56	39	Cir	Macon	78	42	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	57	44	Cir	Cincinnati	69	41	Cir	Grand Junction	68	41	Cir	Madison	55	46	Pdly
Albuquerque	57	44	Cir	Cleveland	60	37	Pdly	Grand Rapids	68	41	Cir	Medford	49	34	Pdly
Allentown, Pa.	60	41	Cir	Colorado Springs	52	40	Cir	Greentfalls	38	24	Snow	Memphis	81	55	Cir
Amarillo	75	51	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	75	43	Cir	Green Bay	62	43	Cir	Miami Beach	79	65	Cir
Anchorage	24	16	Pdly	Columbus, Ga.	78	47	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	68	41	Cir	Midland-Odessa	80	53	Pdly
Asheville	70	37	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	75	43	Cir	Harrisburg	59	41	Cir	Missoula	66	47	Pdly
Atlanta	75	48	Cir	Concord, N.H.	55	38	Cir	Hartford Spfld	59	39	Cir	Bois-St Paul	56	44	Cir
Atlantic City	61	42	Cir	Corpus Christi	83	64	Cir	Helenia	44	24	Cir	Billwaukee	37	22	Cir
Austin	81	58	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	83	64	Cir	Honolulu	83	64	Cir	Bozeman	57	37	Cir
Baltimore	62	42	Cir	Dayton	67	40	Cir	Houston	83	61	Pdly	Montgomery	81	46	Cir
Baton Rouge	81	50	Cir	Daytona Beach	77	55	Cir	Huntsville	77	43	Cir	Nashville	78	47	Cir
Bilings	36	29	Cir	Denver	42	37	Snow	Indianapolis	69	45	Cir	New Orleans	80	56	Cir
Birmingham	78	49	Cir	Des Moines	73	53	Pdly	Jacksonville	81	47	Cir	New York City	60	48	Cir
Bismarck	38	34	Cir	Detroit	67	42	Cir	Jacksonville	76	50	Cir	Newark	61	46	Cir
Boise	45	32	Pdly	El Paso	67	42	Cir	Janeau	36	26	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	63	48	Cir
Boston	57	43	Cir	El Paso	75	52	Cir	Kansas City	75	58	Pdly	Norfolk, Va.	63	48	Cir
Bridgeport	60	43	Cir	El Paso	75	52	Cir	Key West	78	68	Cir	Okla City	57	37	Cir
Brownsville	84	66	Cir	Erie	58	41	Pdly	Knoxville	73	42	Cir	Omaha	70	53	Cir
Buffalo	58	40	Cir	Eugene	51	38	Cir	Lake Charles	80	57	Cir	Orlando	80	56	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	52	30	Cir	Fargo	42	36	Cir	Lansing	67	41	Pdly	Paducah	77	50	Cir
Caribou, Maine	51	46	Cir	Fargo	42	36	Cir	Las Vegas	60	49	Cir	Pendleton	45	32	Pdly
Charleston, S.C.	73	46	Cir	Flagstaff	45	28	Cir	Lincoln	68	51	Cir	Philadelphia	62	45	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	67	39	Cir	Flint	66	39	Cir	Little Rock	81	56	Cir	Phoenix	72	56	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	70	41	Cir	Fort Smith	83	53	Cir	Los Angeles	71	52	Cir	Pittsburgh	60	37	Cir

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## OPINION

## Did Clinton's attacks on Trump backfire?

By DAVID IGNATIUS  
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More than a week later, America is still struggling to understand what produced last Tuesday's election stunner, but here's one factor that's too little discussed: Hillary Clinton's relentless (and in my view, accurate) attacks on Donald Trump's character may actually have made his supporters more entrenched.

One of my closest high school friends drove home this point in a message two days after the vote: "As a traditional Christian, I felt attacked, myself — not implicitly, but explicitly — during the entire election cycle," he emailed me. The attacks on Trump by Clinton and the media backfired, he argued.

I'll come back to my friend's comments in a moment, but first some background.

This "backfire effect" was something I explored in a column in August. I cited behavioral science research by Christopher Graves, global chairman of Ogilvy Public Relations, and others showing that attempts to refute false information could actually reinforce people's misconceptions.

"Arguing the facts doesn't help — in fact, it makes the situation worse," Graves had written in February 2015 in the Harvard Business Review. Because of a behavioral trait known as "confirmation bias," people discount arguments that challenge their beliefs. "Instead of changing their minds, most will dig in their heels and cling even more firmly to their originally held views," Graves wrote.

If this psychological research is accurate, then the Clinton campaign's focus

on Trump's racist and sexist statements may have had the perverse effect of making his supporters feel defensive, and more supportive. That was especially true after Clinton called some holding these views a "basket of deplorables" (and again, I thought she was right to admonish them).

Graves noted in an October interview with the Harvard Business Review: "Clinton's categorization of Trump's supporters as deplorable is an example of what behavioral scientists call 'outgroup derogation.' It can be a powerful mobilizing — and polarizing force." People who feel attacked retreat to "which tribe we hope to be identified with, and which we would not want to be caught dead with."

Now, back to my high school classmate, the Rev. Paul F.M. Zahl. He was the top student at my school, graduated from Harvard University and took a doctorate in theology from the University of Tübingen in Germany. He's not the stereotypical undereducated Trump voter, in other words. He has been dean of an Episcopal cathedral, head of a seminary and rector of local parish churches. My friend's email continues:

"I told some friends, 18 months ago, that I believed Trump would win, even though I did not expect to vote for him — for the simple reason that what you resist, persists," Zahl cited a passage from Scripture to support his argument: "The Law increaseth the trespass" — which is to say, the more one interdicts a phenomenon, the more reaction among those who identify with the phenomenon."

Zahl went further, taking me and my colleagues to task: "The media, in my opinion, helped make this happen — albeit, unwittingly. I felt personally attacked by

the Democratic Party's current ethos, as a Bible Christian. I wondered whether, if Clinton won, I and others who believe as I do would be considered legitimate Americans anymore."

I wrote back to my friend (with whom I have been having political arguments for 35 years).

A Dear Paul: In friendship and respect: This notion that "the media made me do it" baffles me, frankly. Each human brain (and heart) must weigh these choices, yes, prayerfully, in terms of what is best for the country. Sixty-three percent of those voting thought Trump was unqualified, 61 percent thought he was temperamentally unsuited to be president, according to exit polls. Yet people voted for him anyway, out of ... what? Spite? Anger at the media? I see what has happened, and it makes me very sad, but each voter is responsible for making a wise decision, no?

A Dear Paul: Zahl responded: "No, David. Many people don't make decisions rationally or even consciously. ... When people are told, across the board, that they are 'xenophobes, racists, misogynists, and Islamophobes' for holding the views they do — whatever they are — they become hardened to those views."

"Condemnation (of people or groups of people — and this goes for all ideologies, right and left) always has the opposite effect: 'The Law (i.e., judgment/condemnation) increases sin (i.e., the very thing that the judgment is supposed to correct or educate),' Zahl admonished.

We're all working through the meaning of this election with our family and friends. Zahl urged me to share his thoughts with others. Amen to that.

Let's keep talking.

## The suffragette who helps explain Clinton's loss

Clinton couldn't shake the perception that her single-minded pursuit of the presidency made her coldly calculating, willing to sacrifice principle for power.

en's rights leader, Lucretia Mott, chastised Stanton, saying, "Why Lizzie, there will make us ridiculous." Yet the resolution passed.

Stanton found a protege in Anthony, who complemented her perfectly. Stanton was the philosopher, writer and revolutionary thinker who rarely bit her tongue. Anthony was the organizer and field general, a practical tactician who tried to build the widest possible coalition.

Stanton and Anthony needed each other. But history has had less use for Stanton. Why? Partly because Anthony was less controversial — an easier, and safer, figure for adulation.

It was Stanton who first called, in 1860, for women to be able to divorce husbands who were drunk, insane, cruel or deserters — an idea that split the women's movement for decades. She became the first woman to seek a seat in Congress, in 1866, to demonstrate that even those barred from voting had the right to run for office. She supported Virginia Woodhull's quixotic 1872 run for president, despite Woodhull's controversial reputation (Anthony opposed her). She criticized clerics who used Christianity to justify the legal subjugation of women. "You ought to stop hitting poor old St. Paul," Anthony chided her.

Clinton needed more of that audacity. She couldn't shake the perception that her single-minded pursuit of the presidency made her coldly calculating, willing to sacrifice principle for power.

After appealing to same-sex marriage opponents, gun rights advocates and clean coal proponents when it suited her in 2008, she shifted left for 2016. She tried to be both friend and foe to Wall Street, global trade deals, fracking and charter schools. Her calibrations left voters confused and mistrustful. Trying too hard not to lose votes is a sure way to lose votes.

Donald Trump's positions on issues have been even more opportunistic than Clinton's, but his provocations overshadowed his pandering. Voters wanted someone who spoke his or her mind (or seemed to), regardless of the political consequences. They wanted more Stanton and less Anthony.

On Election Day, I visited Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, where Stanton is buried, and left sunflowers at her grave — "Sunflower" was the pseudonym she once wrote under. On a bright and colorful fall day, as thousands visited Anthony's grave, attracting international media attention, I found only one other person by Stanton's monument — a local tour guide, taking photos to post on social media. She said she hoped to drum up more interest in Stanton. I hope she succeeds, among voters and candidates alike.

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## OPINION

## Anti-Trump protests are counterproductive

BY LEONID BERSHIDSKY  
Bloomberg View

The footage of the anti-Donald Trump marches and the belligerent tweets criticizing the president elect fill me with ambivalence. On the one hand, Trump's victory hardly makes me happy; then again, as someone who has seen, and taken part in, both successful and failed mass protests, I believe the liberal cause would be better served if the demonstrators stayed home.

Street protest is a powerful force. Almost three years ago, I watched people gathered in the center of Kiev topple Ukraine's government and force the president to flee. Five years ago, I participated in more peaceful protests in Moscow that gave Vladimir Putin a major scare and achieved some concessions such as the easing of party registration rules and the return of gubernatorial elections.

In a far more stable political system, such as that in the U.S., protests can also be effective. In a 2011 paper, Andreas Madsen and collaborators showed that in the regions where the weather was better during the initial April 2009 tea party rallies, the movement was subsequently stronger and elected representatives voted in a more conservative fashion. Even the seemingly failed Occupy Wall Street movement probably achieved some results. The recent minimum wage increases, including those approved by state referendums on Nov. 8, might not have been on the agenda without those protests.

So the anti-Trump protests probably will achieve something too. The question is, what exactly?

The protesters' principal message is "Not my president." They chant, "We reject the president-elect" or carry signs that read "Deport Trump" and "No Hate, No Racism, No Trump."

What these protesters are telling Trump is that they consider him a hateful bigot and that they don't want somebody else, most likely Hillary Clinton, a week ago. But Trump knows that. He followed the vote count too.

The protesters also are telling Trump



Nick Ut/AP

Students holding signs and chanting slogans march to protest the election of Donald Trump as president in Los Angeles on Monday.

that, whatever he does, they don't consider him their president. They reject him in advance.

That's hardly a message designed to extract a constructive response. Trump has already said he's going to try to be a president for everyone — but he knows many don't believe him. There's nothing he can do about that short of turning into someone else overnight.

For protest to work to any extent, there has to be a clear link between specific action and the public reaction to it. If there's a mass outcry against suggested deportations, President Trump would decide it's not worth his while to go through with them. But what is he supposed to do with the information that a lot of people simply don't like him?

Meanwhile, the world, whose security

depends on U.S. stability, is getting the scary message that regardless of the outcome of U.S. elections, regardless of how free and fair they are, lots of people will go out and protest. That the rejection of a democratic outcome can be so vehement is worrying. I wouldn't have liked to see Trump supporters take to the streets had he lost.

Interestingly, those whom many expected to riot had Trump lost understand today's protesters. "They are angry just like we were," Jesse Wilkes, a recruiter for the III Percent Patriots militia in Florida, told me last August when Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who supports the protests, is saying, "People are angry. People are upset. And they want to express their point of view that they are very frightened, in very, very strong disagreement with Mr. Trump,

who has made bigotry the cornerstone of his campaign."

Wouldn't it make more sense, however, to begin protesting when — or, rather, if — Trump actually proposes some action that smacks of bigotry? For example, if he actually attempts to make good on his promises to build a new border wall or to ban Muslims from entering the U.S.

In Moscow and in Kiev, we protested after the fact. In 2011, Putin's party had stolen a parliamentary election. By 2013, the Ukrainian regime grew so corrupt and oppressive that Ukrainians saw no future. Could we have prevented these abuses of power if we'd protested when Putin and Viktor Yanukovich came to power? Possibly; but they had both just won fair elections. I don't believe any street protests would have toppled them, because they had majority support and were recognized by the whole world as legitimate leaders. If we'd fought them hard from the very start, before they had a chance to do anything wrong, they'd have had every reason to crack down, and most of our compatriots would have backed them.

All Trump has done so far is elevate a few of people who helped him win. He's starting his presidency with a clean slate, if only because he has no idea how the system of checks and balances really works. That's what President Barack Obama is trying to tell Americans. At his first post-election press conference, Obama said:

"Donald Trump will be the next president, the 45th president of the United States. And I will be up to him to set up a team that he thinks will serve him well and reflect his policies. And those who didn't vote for him have to recognize that that's how democracy works. That's how this system operates."

Trump, a political novice, will need a lot of prompting when he's president — from his staff and ordinary voters alike. But for the prompting to work, the message needs to be actionable and geared toward a specific goal. I just hope he's still listening when the messages are more to the point.

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## Trump supporters had a point on rigged systems

BY EBOO PATEL  
Special to The Washington Post

Earlier this year, I was invited to speak at Princeton University's center on equality and cultural understanding in the wake of campus protests over racism. My driver from the Newark, N.J., airport was a white guy with a gray beard and a Muslim, he paused for a moment, then asked politely, if basic questions. Why do Muslims call God "Allah"? What do we think of Jesus?

There was sadness, too. A family member had recently died of a drug overdose. I had started with painkillers after a work accident and then quickly moved on to harder stuff.

I had a strange sensation: In all the multicultural theory I'd read, the straight, white Christian guy is the privileged one, even the oppressor. But I sure didn't feel that way in this case. After all, I was the one in the back of the limo, and he was the person driving me to a high-paying speaking engagement.

The people I met with the most edge on that trip turned out to be the students at Princeton. During lunch, they spoke with deep frustration about their marginalization on campus, exemplified by how their protests against the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs had not resulted in a name change.

I looked around at this multicultural gathering of students eating portobello mushroom wraps and discussing diversity issues and realized that this was my comfort zone and had been for 20 years, since my own student activist days.

By contrast, I couldn't recall the last time I'd spoken with a working-class white person about job loss or family life before that drive with Mickey. It embarrasses me to admit this, but the only people I know in that world are from Updike novels and Springsteen songs.

I sympathized with the very real frustrations of the Princeton students and then suggested we all widen our horizons a bit.

I spoke about my drive with Mickey and connected it to a recent study that found that the mortality rate among working-class whites had jumped so significantly that scholars were comparing it to AIDS in the 1980s. Barely a flicker of recognition crossed the room. This surprised me. The principal investigators had been Princeton economists, and the study had been published on the front pages of major newspapers. My guess is that the students had heard the news somewhere, but it hadn't moved them to open up a file in their heads on the subject.

One student offered that by sympathizing with Mickey, I was revealing my own internalized racism. As a person of color, the logic went, I was so accustomed to being oppressed that I viewed being served by a white man as unnatural.

I couldn't help but recall my dad's response when I announced to him during my own college years that I was oppressed: "What percentage of people would trade their conditions for yours? If you call your self oppressed, what word do you have for them?"

I'm pretty sure Mickey would trade places with either me or those Princeton students in a flash. When he dropped me off, he looked around wistfully and observed how different his life would be if he'd gone

to college. In the time and place he grew up, it hadn't felt necessary.

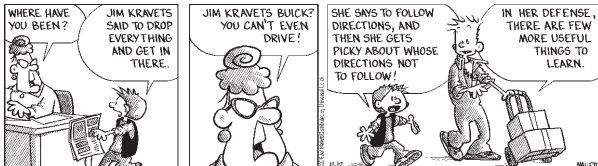
I suppressed my instinct to encourage him to return to school for retraining, and instead conducted a little thought experiment in my head. Mickey was a working-class white guy born into a manufacturing economy who had it made until it all went poof. I am a geeky Indian guy born into a multicultural knowledge economy. What if one of us had somebody informed me that the digital age is now gone — all my skills in gathering data, identifying trends and shaping narratives were useless. But, hey, good news: The manufacturing economy was coming back. I could get retrained for the factory line at an automobile plant.

I thought about what Mickey had said about feeling like the system was rigged. I remembered how, when my mom had a health scare and the receptionist at the University of Chicago hospital said it was full, I called a doctor I knew and she opened up a bed.

Was I rigging the system? Could those students at Princeton make that call? Could Mickey?

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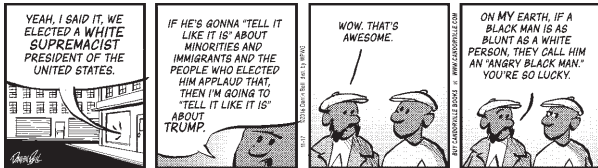
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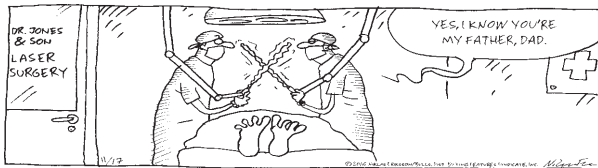
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- At once
- Mandolin's kin
- Russian river
- Worth of some opinions?
- Baja boy
- Capote nickname
- Football stat
- Buffoons
- Army address
- Male turkey
- Paul Newman film
- New Zealand native
- Paradise
- Dispensed candy
- Rebuff
- Group customs
- Tavern
- Shoe width
- Chest muscle
- Frolic
- Prolific income source
- Bygone space station
- Dull pain
- Second part
- Winter blanket

### DOWN

- 5-star review
- Director Craven
- Casual tops
- Iowa city
- Poem of praise
- Nitwit
- Dine
- Society newbie
- A few
- Contrite one
- "Yeah, right"
- Sister's sons
- Efron of "Parkland"
- Moment, for short
- Egyptian pharaoh
- Coconut meat
- Compete
- Group of actors
- Skin breakout
- Pump, e.g.
- "Pow!"
- Magnon
- 53 St. crosser
- Marry
- Sugary suffix

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New England	5	1	0	.775	241	164
Miami	4	0	0	.556	204	204
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	237	203
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.390	179	244
Houston	6	6	0	.567	161	188
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	264	251
Indianapolis	4	4	0	.444	239	256
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	174	239
Baltimore	5	5	0	.556	182	166
Pittsburgh	4	5	0	.444	214	205
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.389	187	210
Cleveland	0	10	0	.000	175	301
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778	205	168
Los Angeles	4	4	0	.444	216	242
Denver	7	3	0	.700	239	189
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	202	278

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	0	0	.889	258	107
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.611	212	209
Washington	5	3	0	.611	212	209
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.611	212	209
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	230	283
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	265	263
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	265	263
Detroit	5	5	0	.500	205	206
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	215	152
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	224	234
Chicago	2	7	0	.222	141	215
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	202	166
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	162	166
San Francisco	1	8	0	.111	187	283

### College game

**Sunday's games**  
Baltimore at Carolina  
Chicago at N.Y. Giants  
New England at San Francisco  
Tennessee at Indianapolis  
Cincinnati at Minnesota  
Pittsburgh at Cleveland  
Cleveland at Cincinnati  
Campa Bay at Kansas City  
Miami at Los Angeles  
Washington at San Francisco  
Philadelphia at Seattle  
San Diego at Washington  
**Open:** San Diego, Atlanta, Denver, N.Y. Jets

### Monday's game

Houston at Oakland

### Thursday, Nov. 24

Minnesota at Detroit

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis

### Sunday, Nov. 27

San Diego at Houston

Arizona at Atlanta

Cincinnati at Baltimore

San Francisco at Miami

New England at Buffalo

Tennessee at Cleveland

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay

N.Y. Giants at Chicago

Atlanta at New York

Carolina at Oakland

New England at N.Y. Jets

San Francisco at Denver

### Monday, Nov. 28

Green Bay at Philadelphia

## College hockey

### Tuesday's scores

**EAST**  
Niagara 5, Mercyhurst 4  
Vermont 5, Dartmouth 2

## Pro soccer

### MLS playoffs

Conference Semifinals (Second Leg)

**Sunday, Nov. 14**  
Colorado 1-0, LA Galaxy 1-1 aggregate, Colorado advances 3-1 on penalty kicks.

**Monday, Nov. 15**  
Toronto 2-1, NY Red Bulls 1, Montreal advances 3-1 on aggregate.

**Tuesday, Nov. 16**  
Seattle 2-0, San Jose 0, Seattle advances 4-2 on aggregate.

### Conference championships

**Eastern Conference**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 22:** Toronto FC at Montreal

**Western Conference**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 22:** Seattle vs. Portland

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**MLS Cup**  
**Saturday, Dec. 10:** Eastern champion at Western champion

## College football

### Tuesday's scores

**MIDWEST**  
Bowling Green 42, Kent St. 7  
Cent. Michigan 27, Ohio 20

### Schedule

**Thursday, Nov. 17**  
Liberty (6-4) at Coastal Carolina (8-2)

**SOUTH**  
Louisiana (6-4) at Nicholls (5-5)

**SOUTHWEST**  
Arkansas St. (5-4) at Troy (8-1)

**SOUTHEAST**  
Louisville (9-1) at Houston (8-2)

**Mountain**  
Houston Baptist (4-4) at Incarnate Word (2-8)

### Friday, Nov. 18

**MIDWEST**  
Memphis (4-4) at Cincinnati (4-6)

**WEST**  
UW (4-6) at Boise St. (9-1)

**EAST**  
E. Washington (5-1) at Portland St. (3-7)

**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
Morgan St. (4-4) at Army (5-5)

**Mountain**  
Fordham (7-3) at Bucknell (4-6)

**South**  
Duke (7-3) at CSU (2-8)

**West**  
Penn (6-2) at Cornell (4-6)

**East**  
Yale (7-2) at Harvard (7-2)

**South**  
Lehigh (6-2) at Lafayette (4-6)

**West**  
Stony Brook (5-5) at Albany (NY) (6-4)

**East**  
UConn (3-7) at Boston College (4-6)

**South**  
North Carolina (5-5) at Clemson (7-2)

**West**  
New Hampshire (6-4) at Maine (6-4)

**East**  
Florida (4-6) at Pittsburgh (6-4)

**South**  
Florida St. (3-7) at Syracuse (4-6)

**West**  
Florida St. (3-7) at Syracuse (4-6)

**East**  
Oklahoma (8-2) at West Virginia (8-1)

**South**  
Kennesaw St. (8-2) at Charleston Southern (6-4)

**West**  
Louisiana-Lafayette (4-6) at Georgia (6-4)

**East**  
Marist (5-5) at Jacksonville (4-6)

**South**  
Richmond (7-2) at William & Mary (4-6)

**West**  
Virginia Tech (5-5) at Georgia Tech (6-4)

**East**  
Cincinnati (3-6) at NC State (4-6)

**South**  
Morehead St. (3-7) at Davidson (2-8)

**West**  
North Carolina (5-5) at NC State (4-6)

**East**  
Navy (7-2) at East Carolina (3-7)

**South**  
Norfolk St. (7-2) at Hampton (6-4)

**West**  
Georgia Tech (5-5) at Georgia Tech (6-4)

**East**  
Florida St. (3-7) at Louisiana (4-6)

**South**  
Monmouth (NJ) (4-6) at Gardner-Webb (4-6)

**West**  
Ole Miss (8-2) at James Madison (9-1)

**East**  
Yale (7-2) at Harvard (7-2)

**South**  
Miami (3-7) at Wake Forest (4-6)

**West**  
A&M (4-6) at Orlando, Fla.

**East**  
Georgia Southern (8-2) at Georgia St. (8-2)

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# NBA

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	7	3	.700	—
Boston	7	3	.500	2
New York	5	4	.500	3
Brooklyn	4	7	.364	3½
Philadelphia	4	7	.100	6
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	8	2	.800	—
Charlotte	3	7	.300	7
Orlando	4	7	.364	4½
Washington	2	7	.222	6½
Miami	2	8	.200	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	7	1	.875	—
Chicago	7	4	.636	2½
Memphis	7	4	.556	3½
Detroit	6	5	.545	3½
Indiana	6	5	.455	4½

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	8	3	.727	—
Houston	8	3	.600	1½
Memphis	5	5	.500	2½
Dallas	5	5	.500	2½
New Orleans	2	9	.182	6
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	5	5	.583	—
Utah	6	5	.545	½
Oklahoma City	6	5	.545	½
Denver	3	7	.300	3
Minnesota	3	7	.300	3
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	10	1	.909	—
Golden State	8	2	.800	1½
L.A. Lakers	7	5	.583	3½
Sacramento	7	4	.636	2½
Phoenix	3	8	.273	7

Monday's games				
Indiana 88, Orlando 69				
Detroit 104, Oklahoma City 88				
New York 93, Dallas 77				
Houston 115, Philadelphia 88				
New Orleans 106, Boston 105				
San Antonio 94, Miami 90				
Memphis 102, Utah 99				
L.A. Clippers 127, Brooklyn 95				
Tuesday's games				
Cleveland 121, Toronto 117				
Atlanta 83, Miami 90				
Charlotte 115, Minnesota 108				
Chicago 113, Portland 88				
L.A. Lakers 125, Brooklyn 118				
Wednesday's games				
Cleveland at Indiana				
New Orleans at Atlanta				
Washington at Philadelphia				
Dallas at Boston				
Detroit at New York				
Memphis at Atlanta				
Golden State at Toronto				
Houston at Oklahoma City				
Phoenix at Denver				
Memphis at L.A. Clippers				
San Antonio at Sacramento				
Thursday's games				
Portland at Minnesota				
Portland at Houston				
Chicago at Utah				

Tuesday				
Lakers 125, Nets 118				
BROOKLYN — Booker 5-8 0-0 11, Lopez 10 25 39, Bogdanovic 11 18 6 29, Kilpatrick 3-7 0-1 6, Hollis-Jefferson 1-5 0-0 10, Carter 1-2 0-0 10, Thomas 3-6 2-2 9, Ferrell 3-5 3-4 11, Whitehead 2-4 0-0 4, Harris 3-9 0-0 7, Foye 2-6 0-0 5, Totals 49-34 43-125.				
LOS ANGELES — Deng 2-6 4-8, Young 2-8 0-0 8, Randle 5-8 7-10 17, Mozgov 7-11 6-6 20, Russell 11-20 3-4 32, Ingram 2-5 4-4 8, San Antonio 10, Los Angeles 2-0 0-0, Clarkson 4-12 4-13, Williams 2-11 2-6, Totals 41-92 34-125.				
Three-point goals—Chicago 12-24 (Lopez 4-11, Ferrell 2-3, Bogdanovic 2-5, Booker 1-1, Foye 1-4, Hamilton 1-4, Harris 2-7, Scott 1-1, Whitehead 1-2), Los Angeles 2-8 (Russell 2-2, Clarkson 1-1, Hamilton 1-5, Ingram 0-1, Deng 0-1, Williams 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Brooklyn 47 (Lopez 10, Carter 10), Los Angeles 25 (Randle 14), Assists—Brooklyn 23 (Foye 7), Los Angeles 24 (Randle 10), Totals 104-86 (Brooklyn 77, Los Angeles 17) —A-18,226 (19,660).				

Bulls 113, Trail Blazers 88				
CHICAGO — Gibson 4-9 4-5 12, Lopez 6-15 1-13, Grant 6-13 4-4 18, Wade 8-18 3-5 18, Butler 8-18 2-7, Zinbala 3-0 0-0, Clarkson 1-4 0-0 2, Portis 2-5 1-2 6, Mirotic 3-6 2-8, Cannon 2-6 3-3 8, Crabbe 3-7 2-9, Hunter 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 41-98 24-81 13.				
PORTLAND — Harkness 2-9 0-0 5, Plumlee 3-7 2-6 9, Leonard 0-6 0-0 0, Lillard 7-22 4-19, McCollum 7-17 0-0 17, Layman 9-24 2-12, Laurne 3-6 0-0 0, Porter 1-3 0-0, Napier 1-2 0-2 3, Connaughton 1-1 1-3 3, Thornton 2-2 0-2 4, Totals 34-95 11-88 18.				
Chicago 35 21 27 30-113, Portland 25 28 28 88.				
Three-point goals—Chicago 7-20 (Grant 2-5, Mirotic 2-5, Portis 1-7, Butler 1-4, Gibson 1-4), Portland 9-20 (Lopez 4-11, Ferrell 2-3, Bogdanovic 2-5, Booker 1-1, Foye 1-4, Hamilton 1-4, Harris 2-7, Scott 1-1, Whitehead 1-2), Los Angeles 2-8 (Russell 2-2, Clarkson 1-1, Hamilton 1-5, Ingram 0-1, Deng 0-1, Williams 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Chicago 46 (Lopez 10, Carter 10), Los Angeles 25 (Randle 14), Assists—Brooklyn 23 (Foye 7), Los Angeles 24 (Randle 10), Totals 104-86 (Brooklyn 77, Los Angeles 17) —A-18,226 (19,660).				

Hawks 93, Heat 90				
ATLANTA — Bazemore 4-12 3-12, Millsap 7-17 1-2 15, Howard 5-9 3-11 12, Schroder 7-15 2-18, Korver 2-4 0-4, Sefolosha 0-2 3-4 3, Muscala 6-7 0-0 14, Humphries 0-1 0-0 0, Delaney 0-3 1-1, Hardaway Jr. 6-10 2-15, Totals 37-80 13-19 93.				
MIAMI — Williams 3-8 0-5 15, Whiteside 6-15 7-19, Walters 5-18 0-11, McGruder 4-11 0-8, Richardson 8-14 2-2 19, Babbitt 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 5-8 0-0 13, McRoberts 9-3 0-0 0, Haslem 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 5-0 2-4 14, Totals 36-89 11-14 90.				
Atlanta 22 27 23 21-93, Miami 28 28 24 72-90.				
Three-point goals—Atlanta 6-17 (Muscala 2-2, Schroder 2-2, Bazemore 1-2, Hardaway Jr. 1-4, Humphries 0-1, Korver 0-2, Sefolosha 0-2, Millsap 0-2), Miami 7-23 (Johnson 3-5, Johnson 2-4, Richardson 1-3, Walters 1-3, Babbitt 0-1, Williams 0-2, McGruder 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Atlanta 35 (Howard 11), Miami 48 (Whiteside 25), Assists—Atlanta 18 (Muscala 5, Schroder 5, Millsap 4), Miami 13 (McGruder 3), Total Fouls—Atlanta 13, Miami 23, Technicals—Howard A.—19,600 (19,600).				

Hornets 115, Twolves 108				
CHARLOTTE — Kidd-Gilchrist 5-2 2-4 6, Williams 1-9 4-4 6, Zeller 6-9 2-14, Walker 12-19 4-4 30, Batum 9-20 3-16, Hawes 0-0 0-0 0, Hibbert 4-5 1-2 9, Kaminsky 8-14 1-20, Sessions 0-2 2-2 2, Belinelli 5-8 0-0 12, Totals 43-80 18-22 115.				
MINNESOTA — Wiggins 10-24 6-29 29, Towns 9-23 0-0 21, Deng 3-6 3-9 9, LaVine 7-16 0-0 19, Rubio 2-5 5-6 11, Bjelica 2-4 0-0 6, Payne 2-6 3-3 7, Aldrich 1-2 0-0 2, Dunn 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 38-99 17-21 108.				
Charlotte 31 35 33-115, Minnesota 30 28 37-108.				
Three-point goals—Charlotte 11-24 (Batum 4-5, Kaminsky 3-7, Belinelli 2-2), Walker 2-3, Sessions 0-2, Williams 0-5), Minnesota 15-35 (LaVine 5-10, Wiggins 3-6, Towns 2-10, Rubio 2-5, Bjelica 2-2, Deng 0-1, Payne 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Charlotte 37 (Zeller 9), Minnesota 43 (Deng 11), Assists—Charlotte 25 (Batum 7), Minnesota 28 (Rubio 8), Total Fouls—Charlotte 17, Minnesota 13, A—10,349 (19,356).				

Cavaliers 121, Raptors 117				
TORONTO — Siakam 4-0 0-8, Valanciunas 5-9 4-14, Lowry 11-23 2-22, Powell 4-7 1-2 12, DeRozan 10-27 4-8 26, Ross 7-12 0-0 18, Patterson 1-6 0-0 2, Nogueira 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph 4-7 1-2 9, Totals 46-96 12-18 117.				
CLEVELAND — James 10-15 6-10 28, Jefferson 2-5 0-0 5, Frye 16-8 9-19, Thompson 7-8 1-15, Irving 10-20 2-4 24, Frye 10-20 2-2 21, Shumpert 1-5 1-2 4, McLeary 0-1 0-0 0, Duncanson 2-3 0-0 5, Totals 44-83 20-25 121.				
Toronto 25 32 27 33-117, Cleveland 30 31 30-121.				
Three-point goals—Toronto 13-29 (Ross 4-7, Lowry 4-8, Powell 3-5, DeRozan 2-2, Joseph 0-1, Patterson 0-3), Cleveland 13-33 (Frye 5-8, Irving 2-4, James 2-5, Duncanson 1-2, Jefferson 1-2, Shumpert 1-5, McLeary 1-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Toronto 40 (Valanciunas 9), Cleveland 46 (Frye 13), Assists—Toronto 24 (Lowry 9), Cleveland 26 (James 14), Total Fouls—Toronto 24, Cleveland 18, Technicals—Ross, Lowry, A—20,562 (20,562).				



Miami Heat center Shams				
Whiteside (21) goes to the basket as Atlanta Hawks forward Paul Millsap (4) defends during the first half on Tuesday in Miami. Atlanta won its fifth straight game while the Heat dropped their sixth in a row.				



The Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving passes as the Raptors' DeMar DeRozan (10) defends during the first half Tuesday in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 121-117.

## Roundup

# Cavs match record

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers are far more focused on their "L" finish. They are not complaining about their start, though.

With Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson sitting courtside, LeBron James came up one rebound shy of a triple-double and Kyrie Irving scored 24 points to lead Cleveland to a 121-117 win over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night, making the Cavs 9-1 to match their best start after 10 games.

James had 28 points and 14 assists as the Cavs improved to 2-0 this season against the Raptors, the team they beat in last season's Eastern Conference finals and the one they could meet there again in 2017.

The Cavs last went 9-1 in 1976-77.

"I don't really pay attention to the records," said James. "But I do pay attention to the teams we're playing, and what they bring to the table."

The Raptors bring a lot, and are one of the only teams in the East capable of going toe-to-toe with the defending NBA champions. However, Toronto came up short

against Cleveland just as it did in last year's playoffs.

"I'm not encouraged by any loss," said Raptors guard Kyle Lowry, who finished with 28 points and nine assists. "We want to win every single game. Every time we touch the floor we want to win games."

Channing Frye's three-pointers from the top of the key with 59 seconds left put the Cavs up by one. Cleveland then buckled down on defense, holding the Raptors scoreless until letting Lowry make a layup with 2.8 seconds left.

Kevin Love added 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Cavs, who have already had their share of tight games.

"We're one of the teams at the top that's going to get every team's best shot," Love said. "That's a team we have history with. They're well-coached. They know how to play and you saw them fight back tonight. That's the kind of tension in playing those type of teams early that's going to be good for us. We've had certain lapses in our first 10 games that we need to clean up. But we're getting teams' best shots home or away and we'll be a better team for it."

**Hawks 93, Heat 90:** Dennis Schroder scored 18 points, Paul Millsap and Tim Hardaway Jr. each scored 15 and visiting Atlanta pushed its winning streak to five games.

**Hornets 115, Timberwolves 108:** Kemba Walker scored 30 points and Charlotte blitzed host Minnesota in the third quarter.

**Bulls 113, Trail Blazers 88:** Jimmy Butler had 27 points and 12 rebounds, and Chicago opened a six-game road trip with a victory over Portland.

Dwyane Wade had 19 points for Chicago, which extended its modest winning streak to three games. Former Blazers center Robin Lopez added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

**Lakers 125, Nets 118:** D'Angelo Russell scored 32 points and Julius Randle added 17 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for his second career triple-double in surprising Los Angeles' victory over visiting Brooklyn.

Timofey Mozgov had 20 points and six rebounds for the Lakers, who maintained a steady lead down the stretch of their fourth win in five games at Staples Center this season.



## NHL

## Roundup

# Hellebuyck, Jets whip Blackhawks

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Connor Hellebuyck finally made the statement he was looking for all season.

Hellebuyck made 27 saves for his first shutout of the season, rookie Patrik Laine scored his NHL-leading 12th goal and the Winnipeg Jets beat the division-leading Chicago Blackhawks 4-0 on Tuesday night.

"I've been chasing it for a while and now I got the monkey off my back," Hellebuyck said.

The second-year player got his third NHL shutout in a pivotal win for the second-place Jets.

"The statement," he said, "was that we've figured it out and now we know how to play and now we know we can play it."

Rookie defenseman Josh Morrissey scored his first career goal, while forwards Chris Thornburn and Nic Petan got their first scores of the season for the Jets.

Nikolaj Ehlers had two assists, helping Winnipeg stretch its points streak to five games.

Chicago goalie Corey Crawford was replaced by Scott Darling after letting in four goals on 22 shots. Darling made two saves.

It was the first of five games between the Central Division foes this season.

The Blackhawks had points in each of their previous 11 games. It was their first game in a season-high seven-game road trip.

**Lightning 4, Red Wings 3:** Nikita Kucherov scored his second goal of the game with 1:10 left to give visiting Tampa Bay a win over Detroit.

**Rangers 7, Canucks 2:** Kevin Hayes and J.T. Miller scored two goals each, Henrik Lundqvist

made 36 saves and visiting New York beat Vancouver.

**Maple Leafs 6, Predators 2:** James van Riemsdyk scored three goals and Tyler Bozak had four assists, helping host Toronto beat Nashville.

**Ducks 4, Oilers 1:** John Gibson made 33 saves, Cam Fowler and Ryan Kesler had goals and host Anaheim gave Edmonton its fourth straight loss.

**Panthers 4, Canadiens 3 (OT):** Aaron Ekblad broke his stick on an awkward slap shot that sneaked by goalie Carey Price in overtime, helping visiting Florida beat NHL-leading Montreal.

**Senators 3, Flyers 2 (SO):** Erik Karlsson scored the only goal of the shootout to lift visiting Ottawa over Philadelphia.

**Devils 2, Stars 1 (OT):** Adam Henrique scored 44 seconds into overtime to give visiting New Jersey a victory over Dallas.

**Blues 4, Sabres 1:** Jaden Schwartz and Kyle Brodziak scored early in the third period to lead host St. Louis over Buffalo.

**Hurricanes 1, Sharks 0:** Joakim Nordstrom scored with 9:12 left, Cam Ward made 22 saves in his first shutout in over a year and host Carolina beat San Jose.

**Blue Jackets 2, Capitals 1 (OT):** Cam Atkinson scored 37 seconds into overtime as host Columbus rallied to beat Washington.

**Avalanche 4, Kings 1:** Semjon Varlamov had 32 saves, Patrick Vierichow and Rene Bourque scored 22 seconds apart and host Colorado beat Los Angeles.

**Flames 1, Wild 0:** Johnny Gaudreau's goal early in the first period held up and Chad Johnson stopped 27 shots for visiting Calgary's first shutout of the season.

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Montreal	17	13	3	2	28	56	38		
Ottawa	16	10	5	1	21	38	37		
Tampa Bay	17	10	6	2	21	54	45		
Boston	16	10	6	0	20	41	38		
Florida	16	8	7	3	17	44	42		
Toronto	16	7	6	3	17	45	57		
Detroit	17	8	8	1	17	44	47		
Buffalo	16	7	7	4	14	30	41		
Metropolitan Division									
N.Y. Rangers	15	10	3	2	22	72	38		
Pittsburgh	15	10	3	2	22	37	39		
New Jersey	15	9	3	3	21	47	31		
Washington	15	9	4	2	20	38	36		
Columbus	14	8	4	2	18	47	33		
Philadelphia	17	7	3	7	17	62	57		
Carolina	15	5	8	4	14	39	46		
N.Y. Islanders	15	5	8	3	13	40	51		

## Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L
Chicago	17	11	4	2	24	54	43		
Winnipeg	16	9	5	2	20	54	58		
St. Louis	17	8	6	3	19	41	49		
Minnesota	15	8	6	1	17	41	28		
Dallas	17	6	7	5	17	45	57		
Nashville	15	6	6	3	15	41	43		
Colorado	15	5	8	0	14	31	42		
Pacific Division									
Edmonton	17	9	7	3	19	47	45		
San Jose	16	9	7	0	18	37	36		
Los Angeles	15	9	5	1	19	40	45		
Vancouver	16	7	10	1	13	35	55		
Calgary	16	7	8	1	13	35	55		
Arizona	14	5	9	0	10	38	49		

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime.

## Monday's games

Tuesday's games									
Tampa Bay	at	N.Y. Islanders	0						
Ottawa	at	St. Louis	0						
Columbus	2	Washington	1	OT					
Carolina	1	San Jose	0						
Tampa Bay	4	Detroit	3						
Calgary	4	Montreal	3	OT					
St. Louis	4	Buffalo	1						
Winnipeg	1	Minnesota	0						
Nashville	1	Chicago	0						
New Jersey	2	Dallas	1	OT					
Los Angeles	1	N.Y. Islanders	1						
N.Y. Rangers	7	Vancouver	2						

## Wednesday's games

Pittsburgh	at	Washington							
Arizona	at	Calgary							
Thursday's games									
Winnipeg	at	Philadelphia							
Pittsburgh	at	Buffalo							
Florida	at	Toronto							
San Jose	at	St. Louis							
Buffalo	at	Colorado							
Colorado	at	Dallas							
Edmonton	at	Vancouver							
New Jersey	at	Anaheim							
Edmonton	at	N.Y. Islanders							

## Friday's games

Pittsburgh	at	N.Y. Islanders							
N.Y. Rangers	at	Columbus							
Detroit	at	Washington							
Montreal	at	Calgary							
Chicago	at	Calgary							

## Tuesday

Senators 3, Flyers 2 (SO)									
Ottawa	0	1	1	0	0	2			
Philadelphia	1	1	0	0	0	3			

## Ottawa won shootout 0-2

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Cousins 2:54									
Second Period—2, Ottawa, Stone 3 (Methot), 7:09; 3, Philadelphia, Raffl 2:01									
Third Period—4, Ottawa, Turris 8:18									

Shootout—Ottawa 1 (Turris NG, Ryan NG, Dzingel NG, Stone NG, Karlsson G), Philadelphia 0 (Cousins NG, Giroux NG, Voracek NG, Konecny NG, Schenn NG)									
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 9-9-8-26, Philadelphia 10-16-8-31									
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 2; Philadelphia 0 of 4									
Goals—Ottawa, Anderson 8-31 (35 shots-32 saves), Philadelphia, Mason 3-5:3 (26-24)									

A-13:58 (19:53.7), T-2:49.

## Blue Jackets 2, Capitals 1 (OT)

Washington	0	1	0	0	1				
Columbus	0	1	0	0	1				
Second Period—1, Washington, Backstrom 2 (Chorney, O'Leary), 15:43									
Third Period—2, Columbus, Wereniski 5 (Savard, Karlsson), 13:02									
Overtime—3, Columbus, Atkinson 5 (Dubinsky), 6:37									
Shots on Goal—Washington 6-13-3-22, Columbus 5-13-12-27									
Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 2; Columbus 0 of 3									
Goals—Washington, Grabauer 2-1:1 (27 shots-25 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 8-4-1 (22-21)									

A-1:17:38 (18:14), T-2:30.

## Hurricanes 1, Sharks 0

San Jose	0	0	0	0					
Carolina	0	0	0	0	1				
Third Period—1, Carolina, Nordstrom 1 (Stalberg), 10:48									
Shots on Goal—San Jose 12-8-22, Carolina 13-10-19									
Power-play opportunities—San Jose 0 of 1; Carolina 1 of 3									
Goals—San Jose, Dell 1-11:0 (33 shots-32 saves), Carolina, Ward 4-4 (22-22)									

A-8:52 (18:68), T-2:27.



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Blackhawks goaltender Corey Crawford, left, knocks down the Jets' Dustin Byfugien during Tuesday's game in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

## Panthers 4, Canadiens 3 (OT)

Florida	2	1	0	1	4				
Montreal	1	1	0	0	3				
First Period—1, Montreal, MacIntyre 4 (Desharnais, Petrovic), 2:12 (pp.); 2, Florida, Petrovic 1:50:4, 3, Florida, Raffl 2 (Matheson), 15:22									
Second Period—4, Montreal, Desharnais 3 (Markov, Terry), 4:22, 5, Florida, Malgin 4 (Seviour, Griffith), 17:42									
Third Period—6, Montreal, Byron 6 (Galenchuk, Gallagher), 5:46									
Overtime—7, Florida, Eklund 3 (Jokinen, Trocheck), 2:58									
Shots on Goal—Florida 12-6-3-3-24, Montreal 6-21-51-37									
Power-play opportunities—Florida 0 of 3; Montreal 1 of 5									
Goals—Florida, Luongo 6-5-0 (37 shots-34 saves), Montreal, Price 10-0-1 (24-20)									

A-21:28 (21:27.3), T-2:29.

## Maple Leafs 6, Predators 2

Nashville	1	1	0	2					
Toronto	2	1	0	3	6				
First Period—1, Toronto, Marnier 6 (Van Riemsdyk, Bozak), 1:04, 2, Toronto, Marnier 5 (Gibson, Marnier), 4:04									
Second Period—4, Toronto, Van Riemsdyk 6 (Hunwick, Bozak), 7:52, 5, Nashville, Anderson 5 (Wilson), 16:09									
Third Period—6, Toronto, Komarov 2 (Mancinelli, Brown), 7:16, 7, Toronto, Van Riemsdyk 7 (Bozak, Marnier), 13:38, 8, Toronto, Nylander 5, 15:23									
Shots on Goal—Nashville 11-10-13-34, Toronto 11-15-6-32									
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 of 1; Toronto 0 of 1									
Goals—Nashville, Mazanec 0-2-0 (32 shots-26 saves), Toronto, Anderson 7-4-3 (34-32)									

A-19:42 (18:18.9), T-2:31.

## Lightning 4, Red Wings 3

A-21,288 (21,273). T-2:29.

### Maple Leafs 6, Predators 2

Nashville	1	1	0-
Toronto	2	1	3-

**First Period**—1, Toronto, Marnier (Van riemsdyk, Bozak), 1:04. 2, Toronto

# SOCCER/NFL



MOISES CASTILLO/AP

The United States' Jozy Altidore protests a call during Tuesday's World Cup qualifying loss to Costa Rica.

## US routed in Costa Rica

By RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — The United States put itself in a deep hole in World Cup qualifying with one of its worst performances in decades.

Taking advantage of defensive mistakes, Costa Rica routed the U.S. 4-0 Tuesday night to drop the Americans to 0-2 for the first time in the final round of the North and Central American and Caribbean region.

"A very, very bitter moment for us. There's no doubt about it," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "We didn't imagine going into the hexagonal with two defeats right at the beginning."

Johan Venegas scored in the 43rd minute, Cristian Bolanos doubled the lead in the 69th and second-half substitute Joel Campbell beat beleaguered goalkeeper Brad Guzan in the 74th and 77th minutes in the worst margin of defeat for the U.S. in a qualifier since a 5-1 defeat at Mexico in November 1980.

It was the biggest losing shutout margin in a qualifier since the U.S. fell 6-0 at Mexico in 1957.

Combined with Friday's 2-1 loss to Mexico at Columbus, Ohio, the U.S. finds itself in a quick deficit in the hexagonal, which resumes in March.

"I'm very disappointed, obviously," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said. "There's obviously some concern. Mexico qualified with 12 points. There's a lot of points left on the board — 24 to be exact."

Ticos fans sounded air horns at the end of a match that reignited questioning of Klinsmann's tactics. The U.S. fell to 0-9-1 in qualifiers at Costa Rica.

Klinsmann is still confident he's the right person

to lead the team, but understands the scrutiny.

"When you lose two games and obviously two World Cup qualifiers right after each other, there will be a lot of comments," he said.

The Americans, who had had not lost a home qualifier in 15 years before last week, figure they will win their four remaining home games and pick up points on the road.

The top three teams qualify for the 2018 World Cup in Russia, and the No. 4 finisher advances to a playoff against Asia's fifth-place nation.

"There's going to need to be some urgency," U.S. captain Michael Bradley said. "We're going to have to look collectively real hard in the mirror at ourselves and understand it's not been a good start but the reality of this hexagonal format is that nothing is lost yet, not even close. So anybody who thinks that is sorely mistaken."

Central defenders John Brooks and Omar Gonzalez, and right back Timmy Chandler had particularly poor games. Geoff Cameron, who usually starts alongside Brooks, missed both qualifiers this month after hyperextending a knee during Stoke's Premier League match against Hull on Oct. 22.

"I said to the team that it won't be the last 4-nil defeat in their career," Klinsmann said. "We'll get here some lessons but definitely it's a bitter moment because we wanted to do far, far better than what we did."

Chandler and midfielder Jermaine Jones are suspended for the next qualifier, at home on March 24 against Honduras, because of yellow-card accumulation. They were cautioned for fouls against Costa Rica captain Bryan Ruiz, Chandler in the 11th minute and Jones in the 37th.

## NFL briefs

### RG3 getting closer but not practicing

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Browns quarterback Robert Griffin III has been cleared for non-contact drills but isn't ready to practice.

Griffin has been sidelined since breaking a bone in his left shoulder in the opener against Philadelphia. There's no guarantee RG3 will play in any of Cleveland's last six games, but the winless Browns would like to take another look at the 26-year-old to see if he can be their starter next season and beyond.

Once he begins practicing, the Browns will have 21 days to decide whether to take Griffin off injured reserve and put him on the active roster. It's possible that clock could begin this week.

Griffin's injury was the first of several key ones for the Browns, who have been forced to play six quarterbacks.

The Browns play the Steelers on Sunday, the first of four home games to end this season.

### Bears place Long on IR because of ankle injury

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears placed star guard Kyle Long on injured reserve with an ankle injury on Tuesday.

The announcement comes two days after the three-time Pro Bowl lineman was taken from the field on a cart during a loss at Tampa Bay. It's another big blow for a team hit hard by injuries all year and staggered at 2-7 after an embarrassing blowout loss by the Buccaneers.

The Bears visit the New York Giants this week.

Long was injured in the second quarter when Paul Lasike rolled up on his right ankle as he corralled a shovel pass from Jay Cutler. Long stayed down for several minutes while being tended to by medical personnel. He hanged on the cart trying to fire up his team as he was taken from the field.

It's been a rough season for Long, who signed a four-year extension through 2021 in September. He has also been dealing

with a left shoulder injury since the preseason.

Drafted with the 20th overall pick in 2013, Long has made 55 starts in four seasons. He is one of seven Bears to make the Pro Bowl in each of his first three professional seasons along with Brian Urlacher, Gale Sayers, Dick Butkus, Mike Ditka, Rick Casares and Harlon Hill.

### Talib back at practice before bye week

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Before bolting on a five-day furlough, Aqib Talib returned to practice for the first time since Oct. 28. The star cornerback has missed Denver's last two games with a sore lower back for which he received a cortisone injection two weeks ago.

"He's feeling good. The injection was a successful thing that they did. And I know how excited he is about the last six weeks," coach Gary Kubiak said Tuesday. "So, it's good to see him get some work in and we'll pick it up again next week."

The Broncos (7-3) get the next five days off. Their next game is Nov. 27 against Kansas City (7-2), a game that was flexed into the Sunday night prime time slot.

### Jets WR Decker has shoulder surgery

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — New York Jets wide receiver Eric Decker has had surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder.

Decker, on injured reserve because of his ailing shoulder, also had hip surgery on Oct. 18. The team announced at that time that the anticipated recovery time for the hip surgery was six months.

When the wide receiver was able to get off crutches, he went ahead and had the surgery on his shoulder, with an expected recovery time of about eight months.

Decker has said he anticipates being ready for the start of next season.

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## NFL

# Panthers, Saints happy to have short week this time

By STEVE REED

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The divisional matchup on Thursday night can't get here soon enough for the Carolina Panthers and New Orleans Saints.

Both NFC South teams suffered heartbreaking losses on bizarre endings Sunday after seemingly having victory within their sights.

The Saints appeared ready to apply the knockout punch to the Super Bowl champion Broncos when Justin Simmons leaped over the long snapper and blocked a go-ahead extra point attempt with a 128-yard, and teammate Will Parks scooped it up and raced 84 yards for a decisive two-point conversion, giving Denver a stunning 25-23 victory.

About 725 miles north of New Orleans, the Panthers found their own way to lose a game they should have won. They surrendered a 14-point fourth quarter lead to the Kansas City Chiefs when cornerback Marcus Peters stripped Kelvin Benjamin of the football with 20 seconds left as the Panthers were attempting to drive for the go-ahead score, setting up Cairo Santos' winning field goal as time expired.

"That's one plus," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "We don't have to dwell on this for very long and we can start getting focused on the Saints."

The Saints (4-4) could have pulled within a game of division-



New Orleans Saints (4-5)  
at Carolina Panthers (3-6)

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leading Atlanta (6-3), but wasted an opportunity. The Panthers (3-6) had a chance to move into a tie with the Saints and Buccaneers for second place in the division, but instead remain three games in back of the Falcons with seven games remaining.

"What we have done is put our backs completely against the wall," Rivera said. "There is no room for error now. What we have to do now is we have to go forward."

So do the Saints.

"It's a blessing so we can get this bad taste out of our mouth," Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan said of playing on a short week.

Added quarterback Drew Brees after the loss: "All you want to do is get back on the field as fast as you can. Obviously, we've got four days here so it's a quick turnaround. We'll have a good game plan together, but we've got to lose this one and move on to the next one."

The Saints beat the Panthers 41-38 last month when Will Lutz kicked a 52-yard field goal with 11 seconds remaining to end a wild game in which Drew Brees and Cam Newton combined for 787 yards passing and six touchdowns.

"There's no need to panic," Newton said Sunday. "We have a couple key losses (from the Falcons and Saints), so that's our optimism. When you look at it, whatever our record is, it's not good. But yet we have a locker room full of winners and a locker room full of guys that's full of fight still. I know I am willing to go to battle with those guys. I can't wait until Thursday."

Rivera said he's expecting his team's best, despite the heart-breaking loss.

He also reminded his team several times that they won the division two years ago with a 7-8 record.

"There's always going to be excuses, but there's not always going to be opportunities," Rivera said. "So we'd better start taking advantage of them. That's the important thing."

Rivera said he likes that the Panthers don't have to travel on a short week, giving them a little more preparation time.

"The truth of the matter is we're at home, so it's not going to be as hard on us as it will be the Saints," Rivera said.

AP Sports writer Brett Martel in New Orleans contributed to this report.

## Newton: Players 'owed' celebrating

By STEVE REED

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton said NFL players are "owed" the opportunity to celebrate after big plays.

The reigning Most Valuable Player said Tuesday he has no idea if the NFL's sinking TV ratings early this season are tied to the league's crackdown on celebrations, but the man who made "the dab" famous agrees with others that they should be allowed to express themselves.

"The league has to understand it's entertaining to see that," Newton said.

Newton said he tuned into Monday night's game to see how New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. would celebrate if he scored a touchdown. Beckham didn't disappoint, doing his best impersonation of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance, prompting a giddy Newton to imitate Beckham's dance from behind the offensive line.

Beckham wasn't flagged for excessive celebration, but some players have been this season. "If it was up to me, there would

be no type of..." Newton said, before breaking into a wide smile.

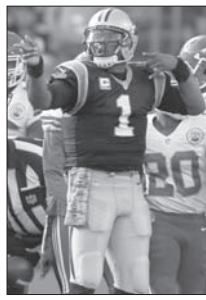
"You're asking a person who celebrates. But it's fun. It's like when a person gets a sack, I try not to look to see what they do, but it's all in the game."

Newton grew up in Atlanta watching Deion Sanders high-step into the end zone and still remembers wanting to wear a bandanna like the old Miami Dolphins so he could look cool.

Given how hard NFL players would be leading up to games "we're here until 10 at night and back in at 6 a.m.," he said — they deserve to let loose when a play goes as planned.

"All of that bottled up inside of you and being able to do exactly what you planned and foresee yourself doing, you are owed something," Newton said. "Some people let it out with a celebration. Some people let it out in different way. It's a give-and-take thing. But it's kind of reciprocated feeling when a fan goes to see their favorite player and sees them celebrating."

Newton said people stop him all of the time out when he's out in public and want to talk about his



Panthers QB Cam Newton celebrates after running for a first down against the Chiefs in the second half on Sunday.

first-down celebrations or doing the "dab" after a touchdown — mostly stuff that doesn't involve actual plays on the field.

"The little nuances of the game, people can't get enough of," Newton said. "I know I can't."

## Week 10 statistics

### All NFL individual leaders

#### Week 9 Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Rivers, SD	309	229	2886	20	11
Luttrell, BUF	317	181	2569	7	7
Dalton, CIN	319	209	2553	10	10
Carr, OAK	354	234	2505	17	3
Martinez, ARI	317	203	2482	21	8
Bortles, JAC	300	228	2421	16	11
Flacco, BAL	319	237	2374	9	8
Roethlisberger, PIT	317	205	2357	20	7
Tannehill, MIA	265	173	2117	10	7
Siemian, DEN	295	175	2098	12	7

#### Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
D. Murray, TEN	191	930	49	75
M. Cooper, ARI	58	443	54	2
Forde, NYG	189	732	39	32
Alayi, MIA	127	725	52	6
L. Miller, HOU	168	720	43	45
McCoy, BUF	133	683	51	53
Blount, NE	182	678	37	41
Gore, IND	145	592	52	22
S. Ware, KC	115	572	40	22
J. Hill, CIN	119	561	47	7

#### Receivers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
A. Green, CIN	66	964	145	44
M. Evans, TAM	58	843	145	64
Am. Brown, PIT	62	831	120	51
Hilton, IND	59	791	125	63
T. Williams, SD	43	720	167	31
Dem. Thomas, DEN	55	678	123	55
M. Wallace, BAL	51	673	157	49
Sanders, DEN	54	668	122	31
Landry, MIA	55	658	122	31
T. Pryor, CLE	41	627	143	44

#### Punters

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
McAfee, IND	37	1881	74	50
W. Hill, ARI	44	211	48	47
Lechler, HOU	41	1978	62	48
Nordman, JAC	40	1893	78	47
Koch, BAL	50	2345	46	59
Darr, PIT	45	1901	66	45
W. Hill, ARI	45	1931	46	45
R. Dixon, DEN	48	2209	68	46
D. Colquitt, KC	45	2067	64	45
Huber, CIN	45	2012	64	45

#### Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
T. Hill, CIN	21	237	156	5	0
W. Hill, ARI	27	15	104	0	0
Richard, ARI	21	216	103	17	0
Norwood, DEN	18	185	103	17	0
Tate, BUF	31	132	102	17	0
J. Grant, MIA	15	135	90	74	1
T. Hill, ARI	17	132	90	74	1
Erickson, CIN	14	99	71	71	0
Greene, JAC	12	111	69	47	0
Hester, BAL	17	166	68	70	0

#### Kickoff Returners

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Hester, BAL	12	329	274	60
W. Hill, ARI	12	329	274	60
Marianni, TEN	15	355	237	0
Tate, BUF	12	276	230	0
C. Brown, JAC	12	266	247	0
Evans, KC	13	263	202	33

#### Scoring Touchdowns

Player	TD	Rush	Rk	Pts
Blount, NE	10	2	0	72
Gordon, SD	11	9	2	66
W. Hill, ARI	10	10	0	70
Forte, NYG	8	7	1	48
L. Murray, ARI	8	0	0	42
Blount, NE	8	0	0	42
Gore, IND	7	4	3	42
M. Evans, TAM	7	0	0	42
Crabtree, OAK	6	0	0	36
W. Hill, ARI	6	0	0	36
J. Hill, CIN	6	0	0	36
Matthews, TEN	6	0	0	36

#### Kicking

Player	FG	LG	Pts
Lamboo, SD	29-37	21-27	63
McManis, DEN	22-23	21-24	55
W. Hill, ARI	25-28	21-24	53
Tucker, BAL	12-12	22-22	53
Janikowski, OAK	23-23	16-22	56
Novak, HOU	14-15	19-21	53
Nugent, CIN	19-20	16-21	47
W. Hill, ARI	21-23	16-21	53
Folk, NYG	17-19	16-18	48
Gostkowski, NE	27-29	12-15	53

#### Defensive Leaders

Player	Def	Rush	Pass
Oakland	322.1	127.8	273.3
Tennessee	386.1	146.0	240.1
New England	269.0	115.0	154.0
Cincinnati	380.8	115.6	265.2
Buffalo	378.9	120.0	258.9
Pittsburgh	370.1	90.7	279.4
Indianapolis	359.9	98.0	261.9
Buffalo	347.7	150.0	187.7
Jacksonville	343.3	88.1	255.2
Philadelphia	339.8	125.3	214.5
N.Y. Jets	335.3	116.0	219.3
Cin. Bengals	329.9	99.7	230.1
Baltimore	332.8	99.7	233.1
Denver	324.7	97.4	227.3
Alexander	306.8	121.4	187.3

#### Offense

Player	Def	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	416.6	107.6	309.0
Atlanta	416.6	107.6	309.0
Washington	407.8	113.3	294.5
Arizona	382.0	101.1	280.9
Carolina	367.6	113.3	254.3
Tampa Bay	357.6	104.9	252.7
San Francisco	347.8	104.9	242.9
Chicago	347.3	99.4	247.9
Philadelphia	341.9	104.9	237.0
Seattle	341.9	104.9	237.0
N.Y. Giants	341.1	74.2	266.9
Detroit	341.1	74.2	266.9
San Francisco	338.0	119.6	218.4
Cooks, NOR	338.0	119.6	218.4
Crowder, WAS	302.3	69.8	232.6

#### Defensive Leaders

Player	Def	Rush	Pass
Arizona	295.2	100.0	195.2
Minnesota	295.2	100.0	195.2
Philadelphia	323.0	100.0	223.0
Los Angeles	343.8	100.0	243.8
Chicago	338.4	96.8	241.6
Green Bay	339.1	95.3	243.8
Chicago	343.8	100.0	243.8
Dallas	356.7	82.6	274.1
Philadelphia	370.2	116.6	253.6
N.Y. Giants	359.3	92.1	267.2
Washington	359.3	92.1	267.2
Detroit	363.6	107.0	256.6
Atlanta	385.9	102.0	283.9
Tampa Bay	400.6	107.9	292.7
San Francisco	423.7	188.4	245.3

### NFC individual leaders

#### Week 9 Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
M. Ryan, ATL	346	236	3247	24	5
Brees, NO	317	205	2357	20	7
Cousins, WAS	354	237	2716	14	10
Manning, NYG	350	225	2481	15	10
Palmer, ARI	317	203	2482	21	8
R. Wilson, SEA	304	203	2442	10	7
McCoy, BUF	319	237	2374	9	8
Stattford, DET	318	214	2373	18	5
Michael, SEA	311	189	2340	41	6
Prescott, DAL	280	187	2339	14	2

#### Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
E. Elliott, DAL	198	1005	51	60
Da. Johnson, ARI	59	811	137	48
D. Freeman, ATL	145	669	45	38
G. Hill, ARI	134	686	45	38
Ingram, NOR	115	547	48	75
Howard, KC	167	515	31	31
Michael, SEA	117	469	40	41
M. Evans, WAS	99	460	46	57
G. Hyde, SFO	122	443	36	34
Mathews, PHO	95	396	42	30

#### Receivers

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
J. Jones, ATL	61	1105	181	75
M. Evans, TAM	59	811	137	48
Beckham, NYG	54	773	143	75
G. Hill, ARI	50	711	142	78
C. Diggs, MIN	61	710	116	46
Cooks, NOR	44	694	158	98
R. Wilson, SEA	50	639	158	47
Fitzgerald, ARI	68	687	101	33
W. Hill, ARI	42	594	127	58
Jo. Nelson, GBY	50	635	127	58

#### Punters

Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
S. Martin, DET	34	1693	63	49
Spore, NOR	44	211	48	47
A. Lee, CAR	36	1769	76	59
W. Hill, ARI	45	1931	46	45
Bosher, ATL	26	1220	128	46
Chris Jones, DAL	27	1262	63	46
W. Hill, ARI	50	2345	46	59
Angeles, TAM	46	2129	69	46
Jo. Ryan, SEA	42	2004	62	45
Plinger, SFO	52	2354	55	45



# NFL/MLB



LM OTERO/AP

Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, right, looks on as fellow quarterback Dak Prescott runs a drill during practice at the team's practice facility in Frisco, Texas. Romo is running the scout team in practice even though Dallas' starting quarterback the past 10 years looks ready to return from a back injury.

## Romo: Dak has earned right to be Cowboys QB

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Tony Romo stopped a reporter in the middle of what appeared to be the first question in his first meeting with the media since August.

The Dallas quarterback brought a statement, and he wasn't going to answer any questions Tuesday.

The 36-year-old coming off his fourth back injury in less than four years conceded the starting job to Dak Prescott, who has led the Cowboys (8-1) to a franchise season record-tying eight straight wins and the best record in the NFL.

And a somber Romo didn't hide his disappointment while reading the five-minute statement.

"He's earned the right to be our quarterback," Romo said of the 23-year-old rookie. "As hard as that is for me to say, he's earned that right. He's guided our team to an 8-1 record and that's hard to do."

Romo, who broke a bone in his back in a preseason game, is expected to be Prescott's backup Sunday at home against Baltimore (5-4). It should be the first time Romo is active since Thanksgiving last year, and the first time in 10 years he isn't the Dallas starter.

"If you think for a second that I don't want to be out there, then you probably never felt the pure ecstasy of competing and winning," Romo said. "That hasn't left me. In fact, it may burn now more than ever."

## Seahawks release RB Michael

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks released running back Christine Michael after the former second-round draft pick lost his starting job to rookie G.J. Proise.

Seattle also released veteran defensive tackle Sealever Siliga and signed defensive tackle John Jenkins.

The move by Seattle came as a surprise if for nothing else than depth concerns, but that worry is mitigated by the expected return of Thomas Rawls this week.

Rawls has been out since he suffered a hairline fracture in his shin in Week 2 against Los Angeles and the performance of Proise on Sunday against New England likely sealed the end for Michael's time with the team.

Michael has the only 100-yard game by a Seattle running back this season when he rushed for 106 yards against San Francisco in

Week 3. But the rest of his season has been inconsistent at best.

Michael rushed for 469 yards and six touchdowns this season, but had just 20 carries for 63 yards in the past three games combined.

Proise flashed potential in his first start last Sunday against New England, finishing with 66 yards rushing and 87 yards receiving on seven receptions.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said on Monday the combination of Proise and Rawls could be the blend needed to jumpstart a running game that entered last week 30th in the NFL.

"With C.J., the versatility of all the things he seems to be able to do at this point, and knowing that there's really a style to Thomas that we're really looking forward to seeing it could be a real nice matchup," Carroll said. "We will see how that works."

— Associated Press

Romo was surprisingly reflective as well, recalling the early days of his career when he was an unheralded free agent fighting to stay on the roster.

Now he's the franchise leader in passing yards and touchdowns, ahead of Super Bowl winners Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

But he's also in the same place Drew Bledsoe was in 2006 when Romo replaced an ineffective

Bledsoe at halftime of a loss to the New York Giants six games into the season and never gave up the starting job.

"I remember the feeling like it was yesterday," Romo said. "It really is an incredible time in your life. And if I remember one thing from back then, it's the people that helped me along when I was young. And if I can be that to Dak, I tried to be and I will be going forward."

## Roberts, Francona voted top managers

By BEN WALKER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Long before they were honored for guiding teams with depleted rosters to first-place finishes, Dave Roberts and Terry Francona were forever linked.

Fans in Boston and beyond will always remember that signature stolen base.

It was Roberts' daring swipe as a pinch-runner in the bottom of the ninth inning that helped the Red Sox — managed by Francona — rally from the brink of being swept in the 2004 AL Championship Series and sped them toward ending their 86-year World Series curse.

Francona went on to win two titles with Boston, and on Tuesday he earned his second AL Manager of the Year award with Cleveland.

But what if Roberts had been thrown out, could that have altered a path that might someday land Francona in the Hall of Fame?

"The truth of it is, it probably wouldn't have been completely different," Francona said on a conference call.

The 44-year-old Roberts won the NL Manager of the Year honor in his first season as a skipper, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to the NL West crown.

Members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America voted at the end of the regular season.

Roberts got 16 first-place votes to top Joe Maddon, whose Cubs won the World Series. Maddon, who earned the award last year, was picked first on eight ballots.

Washington's Dusty Baker was third and got four firsts. Terry Collins of the New York Mets had the other two firsts.

Roberts was the lone NL manager chosen on every ballot. This marked the third straight year a first-time manager has been honored, following Texas' Jeff Banister and Washington's Matt Williams.

Francona drew 22 first-place votes and was the only manager

### Voting

#### AL Manager of the Year

As selected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America:

Manager, Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot
Terry Francona, Cleveland	22	3	126	151
Jeff Banister, Texas	4	12	8	64
Buck Showalter, Baltimore	2	9	7	44
John Farrell, Boston	2	3	9	28
Joe Girardi, New York	—	1	2	5
Scott Servais, Seattle	—	1	1	2

#### NL Manager of the Year

As selected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America:

Manager, Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot
Dave Roberts, Los Angeles	16	7	7	108
Joe Maddon, Chicago	8	6	6	70
Dusty Baker, Washington	4	12	10	66
Terry Collins, New York	2	3	5	24
Don Mattingly, Miami	—	2	2	4

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chosen on all 30 ballots.

Banister was second and got four firsts. Baltimore's Buck Showalter, who was third, and Boston's John Farrell both drew a pair of firsts.

The Dodgers put 28 different players on the disabled list, more than any team in the last 30 years. An injury to ace Clayton Kershaw was among the reasons they employed a franchise record-tying 55 players, including 31 pitchers.

Among the Dodgers who managed to stay healthy: shortstop Corey Seager, chosen NL Rookie of the Year on Monday.

Roberts said he was particularly proud of "the way our guys battled adversity all year."

The 57-year-old Francona guided the Indians to the AL Central title at 94-67. They overtook the defending champion Royals and high-spending Tigers despite losing starters Danny Salazar and Carlos Carrasco, All-Star outfielder Michael Brantley and catcher Yan Gomes to injuries and outfielders Marlon Byrd and Abraham Almonte to drug suspensions.

Cleveland came close to winning its first World Series title since 1948, but the Cubs rallied from a 3-1 deficit.

"It was an unbelievably satisfying year," Francona said.



Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, left, and Indians manager Terry Francona, right, were named managers of the year Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett greets fans last week. The Buckeyes moved to No. 2 in the College Football Playoff rankings.

## Buckeyes No. 2 in latest CFP ranks

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

Ohio State moved into second in the College Football Playoff rankings behind Alabama, with Michigan and Clemson still in the top four after losing for the first time this season.

Louisville was fifth and Washington dropped from fourth to sixth after its first loss.

"The margin of separation between teams two and six was very small," selection committee chairman Kirby Hocutt, who is also the athletic director at Texas Tech, said.

Clemson, Michigan and Washington — the Nos. 2, 3 and 4 teams in last week's rankings — all lost to unranked teams on Saturday. The Wolverines, who have three victories against teams in the selection committee's top 10, did not move after losing to Iowa. The Tigers ended up dropping two spots to No. 4 after losing to Pittsburgh.

Wisconsin was seventh and Penn State eighth, giving the Big Ten four teams in the top 10. Oklahoma was the highest rated Big 12 team at nine. Colorado was 10th.

**The Ohio State problem:** Michigan's loss to Iowa created a potential predicament for the selection committee with the Buckeyes. Because Ohio State lost at eighth-ranked Penn State, the Nittany Lions would win a tiebreaker for the Big Ten East if both finish 8-1 in the conference, shutting out the Buckeyes from the conference championship game.

In two years of the playoff, all the participants have been conference champions and the committee is instructed to give some preference to league champs and head-to-head results when teams are similar.

There is little question that Ohio State would have the best overall résumé in the Big Ten, and maybe one of the best résumés in the country, if it wins out. But would not winning the conference keep the Buckeyes out the way it did last season?

"We do not look forward and anticipate what may happen in the future," Hocutt said.

A Penn State loss in the next couple of weeks would clear things up, but the Nittany Lions

play Rutgers on Saturday and finish at home against Michigan State. They will be heavy favorites in both games.

A possible solution for the Buckeyes and the selection committee: If Oklahoma wins the Big 12 and Wisconsin wins the Big Ten, the Buckeyes would have a victory over both. Problem solved.

If Penn State wins the Big Ten and the other Power Five conferences have champions with one-loss or less, we'll see just how much that conference championship is worth.

**The Louisville problem:** The Cardinals' hurdle could be even more difficult to clear than the Buckeyes'. Without a Clemson loss at Wake Forest on Saturday, Louisville can't get to the ACC championship game because of its loss to the Tigers in early October. Unlike the Buckeyes, who could have wins over Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Michigan, Louisville will put forth a résumé that would include one marquee victory: a demolition of Florida State in September that might have been the most impressive performance of any team this season.

And having the likely Heisman Trophy winner in quarterback Lamar Jackson doesn't provide Louisville any bonus points from the committee.

A possible path for the Cardinals: The Pac-12 picks itself apart and produces a champion with at least two losses and the Big 12 does the same. Even then Louisville might have to make a case against a Wisconsin team with a Big Ten championship.

**Group of five:** No. 20 Boise State moved ahead of No. 21 Western Michigan in the rankings for the first time.

It is becoming fairly apparent that if there are no upsets in the next couple of weeks in the Mountain West, a championship game between two 11-1 teams, Boise State and San Diego State, could produce the team that earns the Cotton Bowl bid that will go to the best champion out of the Group of Five no matter what Western Michigan does.

If the Broncos stay unbeaten they would have a better chance to edge past the Aztecs, but they are not going to bump the Broncos from Boise.

# Tide can determine fate

## Alabama needs 3 more wins to guarantee playoffs

By JOHN ZENOR  
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Nick Saban doesn't want to leave Alabama's fate in the hands of a committee.

The top-ranked Crimson Tide certainly is the closest team to a lock at making the College Football Playoffs if it wins out, but the precarious nature of that race was driven home when the rest of the top four teams fell last weekend.

Alabama would make the playoffs for a third straight season with wins over FCS team Chattanooga, No. 18 Auburn and in the Southeastern Conference championship game. The Chattanooga game on Saturday seems to offer little risk of an upset, but Saban can use the losses by Michigan, Clemson and Washington to illustrate the added comfort of making the playoff selection committee's choice a no-brainer.

"The message is when you win, you control your own destiny," he said Monday. "When you don't, you allow someone else to determine what your fate's going to be. We have all these teams that lost one game now. Somebody has to decide who gets to do what."

"If you put yourself in that situation, you let some-

body else decide what your fate is. If you take care of your business and do things the way you need to do it, then maybe you can control your own destiny in the way you play."

Alabama, which sports a 22-game winning streak, has already clinched the SEC West title and hasn't shown any signs that a slipup is likely. The Tide has allowed just three points in the last two games, beating No. 16 LSU 10-0 and Mississippi State 51-3 while easily dispatching four ranked opponents in the last five games.

An early kickoff for a 51-3 win over Mississippi State gave Tide players a chance to watch other games around the country, including those upsets.

"It's kind of an eye-opener," center Bradley Bozeman said.

Alabama had locked up the West outright by early evening, when Georgia upset No. 18 Auburn. Saban gave the Tide Monday off from practice to recuperate from that SEC stretch before the Iron Bowl. That doesn't mean he's any easier on his players just because the opponent is an FCS team.

"He's going to be the same regardless of who we're playing," wide receiver ArDarius Stewart said. "That's what makes our team so great. We play to a standard, and he keeps it that way."



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Louisville's Brandon Radcliff salutes the crowd following his touchdown Saturday against Wake Forest.

## Louisville turns focus to Houston

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Cheers rose around Louisville's stadium Saturday evening as the video screen flashed Pitt's 43-42 upset of Clemson, an ironic moment considering the No. 5 Cardinals couldn't get on the scoreboard themselves against Wake Forest.

Their fortunes had changed several hours after a 44-12 rout that might also improve Louisville's playoff outlook.

A wild weekend featuring upset losses by the No. 3 Tigers, No. 2 Michigan and No. 4 Washington shook up the rankings and vaulted Louisville three spots to No. 3, where it was in late September. The playoff rankings announced Tuesday night had Louisville (9-1, 7-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) at No. 5, one spot behind Clemson.

The Cardinals, though, have other things to worry about entering another challenge Thursday night at Houston (8-2).

"We just need to win our games," quarterback Lamar Jackson said after accounting for one touchdown against the Demon Deacons. "We can't worry about that (rankings) right now. We just have to play Houston. We weren't really trying to worry about who's going to win, who's going to lose, we just had to play our game. It was a close game with us, and anything can happen."

Clemson still holds the tiebreaker over Louisville after its Oct. 1 victory over the Cardinals and can clinch the Atlantic Division title by beating Wake Forest on Saturday. But Louisville is where it wanted to be in the playoff picture and aims to keep going.

Louisville's latest victory also symbolized its pattern of following dominating wins — most of which were decided early — with tense outcomes against heavy ACC underdogs.

Wake Forest built a 12-0 lead by converting three first-half pun-

bles into field goals. Louisville turned to running back Brandon Radcliff in the third quarter, and he shifted momentum with three TDs as the Cardinals scored 41 points in the final 22½ minutes.

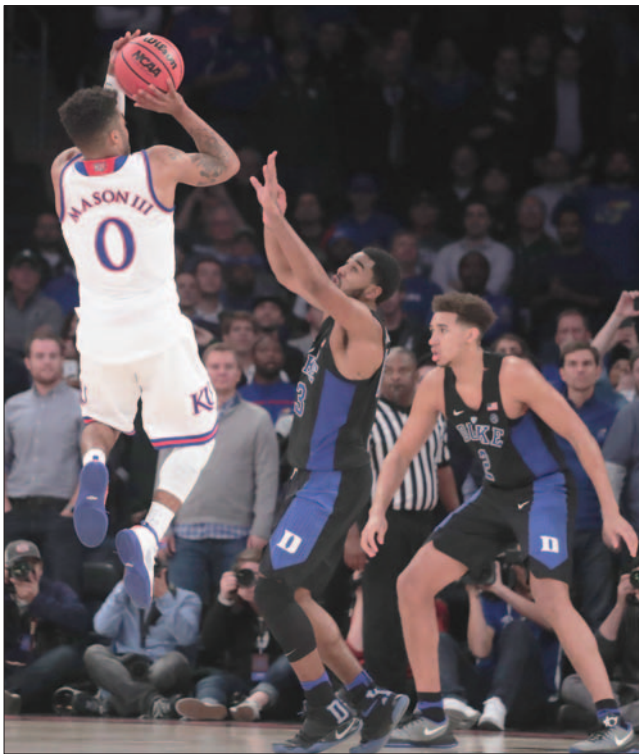
"It was tough for us," said Radcliff, whose 55-yard TD run started the scoring deluge. "We were trying to get our momentum. We know we're a great offensive team and it takes just one play for us to get back in rhythm. That's what we were trying to do the whole time."

Jackson contributed a short TD pass late to avoid being held scoreless for the first since last November against Virginia.

While Houston no doubt aims to play spoiler, the Cardinals seem prepared for this latest hurdle after clearing several in recent weeks.

"That's a pretty good team they have, so we just have to be ready," Jackson said. "We just have to go down there and fight hard."

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Kansas guard Frank Mason III, left, shoots the game-winning basket with 1.8 seconds left in Tuesday's game against top-ranked Duke in New York. No. 7 Kansas won 77-75.

## Top 25 roundup

## Motley, Baylor upset No. 4 Oregon

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Johnathan Motley and the Baylor Bears got quite an early season confidence boost — their first-ever non-conference home win over a top-five opponent.

And it counts even though fourth-ranked Oregon was without preseason All-America forward Dillon Brooks, their 6-foot-7 junior who was their leading scorer last season but is still recovering from offseason foot surgery.

An eager Motley, who was suspended for the opener, scored 17 points in his season debut as Baylor beat the Ducks 66-49 on Tuesday.

Motley missed the season opener for Baylor (2-0) after violating an NCAA rule by playing in an improper summer league game.

**No. 2 Kentucky 69, No. 13 Michigan State 48:** At New York, freshman Malik Monk scored 23 points on 7-of-11 shooting from three-point range, and Isaiah Briscoe added 21 to lead the Wildcats to a victory over the Spartans in the State Farm Champions Classic.

Kentucky (3-0) averaged 90 points in its first two games but this time it was defense

that did it as Michigan State (0-2) shot 32.8 percent from the field (20-for-61), including 5-for-26 (19.2 percent) from beyond the arc.

**No. 5 North Carolina 93, Long Beach State 67:** Joel Berry II scored 23 points and the host Tar Heels shot 53 percent to the 49ers.

Kennedy Meeks added 15 points for North Carolina (3-0), which scored the game's first 14 points and led by 23 points by halftime. That dominating start was enough to erase any doubt about the outcome, though Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams was aggravated enough at one sloppy second-half stretch that he angrily punched a clipboard to the court during a timeout.

**No. 8 Virginia 72, St. Francis Brooklyn 32:** Memphis transfer Austin Nichols scored 11 points in his debut with his new team and the host Cavaliers beat the Terriers.

Virginia (2-0) held St. Francis of Brooklyn scoreless for a stretch of more than 10 minutes in the first half and scored 20 consecutive points to open a 35-11 lead.

**No. 22 Creighton 79, No. 9 Wisconsin 67:** At Omaha, Neb., Khyri Thomas

scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half, breaking open a close game with a three-point play and three-pointer on consecutive possessions, and the Bluejays defeated the Badgers.

Maurice Watson Jr. had 17 points and 10 assists and Marcus Foster added 15 points for the Bluejays (2-0).

**No. 10 Arizona 78, Cal State Bakersfield 66:** Freshman Lauri Markkanen scored 26 points and the host Wildcats held off a furious second-half rally by the Roadrunners.

Jaylin Airington scored 31 for Cal State Bakersfield (1-1) and led a 17-0 run that cut Arizona's lead to four with 9:04 to play. But Markkanen, a 7-footer from Finland, sank a three-pointer, converted a three-point play and made a short jumper to lead the Wildcats out of trouble.

**No. 18 Syracuse 90, Holy Cross 46:** Andrew White scored 19 points, Tyler Lydon had 17, and the host Orange went on a 14-0 run in the first half to take control and overpower the Crusaders.

Syracuse (2-0) shot 61 percent from the field and was 13-for-23 on three-pointers. White, a fifth-year transfer from Nebraska, went 5-for-12 from beyond the arc.

## Mason, Kansas knock off Duke

By JIM O'CONNELL

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kansas had already gone through a tough loss this season, falling in overtime to Indiana in Honolulu.

On Tuesday night the Jayhawks went from looking like easy winners to facing another excruciating loss. But a short jumper by Frank Mason III with 1.8 seconds to go gave the Jayhawks a 77-75 victory over top-ranked Duke in the State Farm Champions Classic at Madison Square Garden.

"The play was to iso (isolate) me, and my teammates did a good job of spacing the floor," Mason said. "It felt good when it left my hand."

A long three at the buzzer by Duke's Frank Jackson was off line.

The Jayhawks (1-1) beat a top-ranked team for the eighth time.

"This was more of a must win for us than it was for Duke. Not that there's must win this time of year, but I think it will do something for us because for the first time we won a game where we shot it like crap," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "So hopefully we learned some lessons and know that you cannot be great offensively and still win if you do little things and play aggressively. So I think it should bode well for us moving forward."

Self was all smiles talking about his senior point guard.

"He's made a lot of big plays for us," Self said of Mason. "I don't

know if he's made any game-winners but he's made plays to put us in overtime. Yeah he's a stud."

"Mason made a big-time play and it was well guarded," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "He just made a big-time play."

Kansas was ahead 62-50 with 8 minutes to play but the Blue Devils (2-1), despite a terrible shooting game by Grayson Allen, the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press' preseason All-America team, managed to suddenly start hitting shots and they tied the game at 75 with 15 seconds left on a three-pointer by Jackson.

Kansas called a timeout with 8.2 seconds left and set up the game-winner.

"I just took advantage of the separation I created and I just shot the ball," Mason said. "It felt good when it left my hand and I just thank God that it went in."

Mason, who had a career-high 30 in the loss to Indiana, led Kansas with 21 points, freshman Josh Jackson added 15 and Devonte' Graham had 13.

Luke Kennard led five Duke players in double figures with 22 points. Allen finished with 12 points on 4-for-15 shooting.

Kansas finished 2-for-17 from three-point range but the Jayhawks shot 50.8 percent overall (33-for-65), including making 60.6 percent of their shots in the second half (20-for-33).

Duke shot 48.9 percent for the game (23-for-47) including 8-for-19 on threes.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Baylor's Johnathan Motley dunks during the second half of Tuesday's game against No. 4 Oregon in Waco, Texas.



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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Mississippi State running back Aeris Williams, center, is tackled by Alabama defenders during the first half Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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